

The Great Plains: Trends in Rural Decline and Urban Growth

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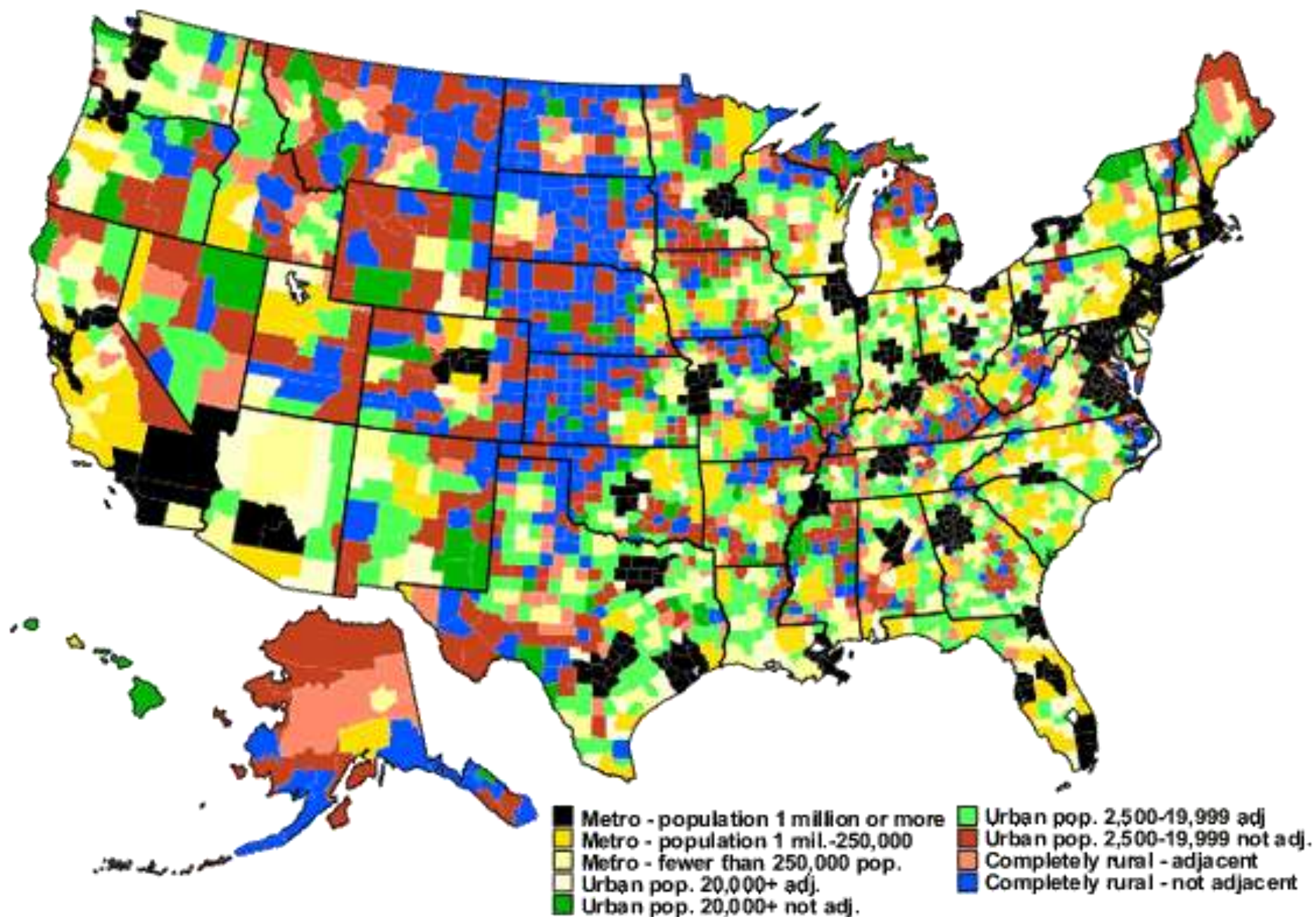
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Overview

- Major Economic Sectors
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- Population Change
- Components of Population Change
- Age Structure
- Current Economic Indicators

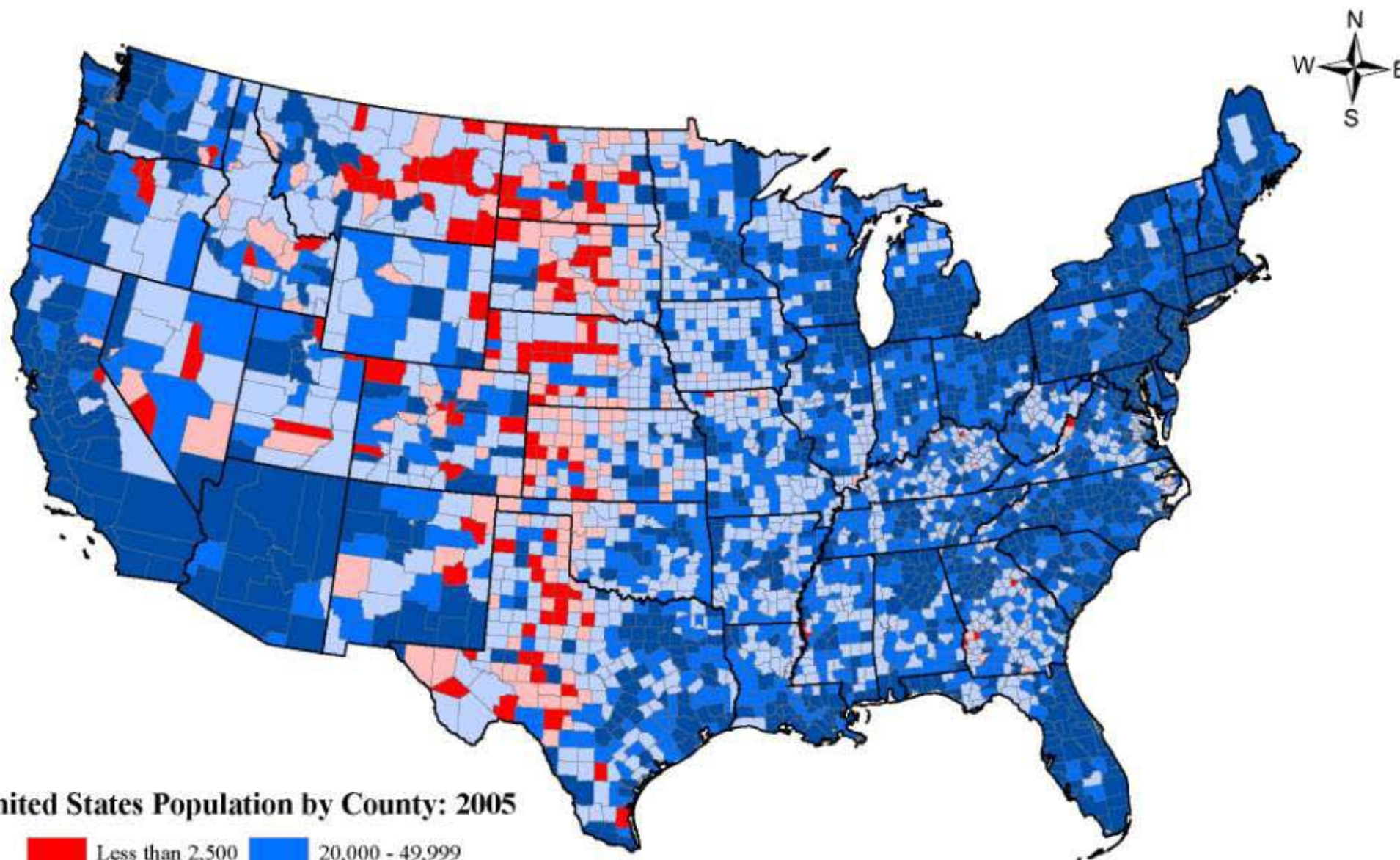


Rural-urban continuum codes, 2003



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service.

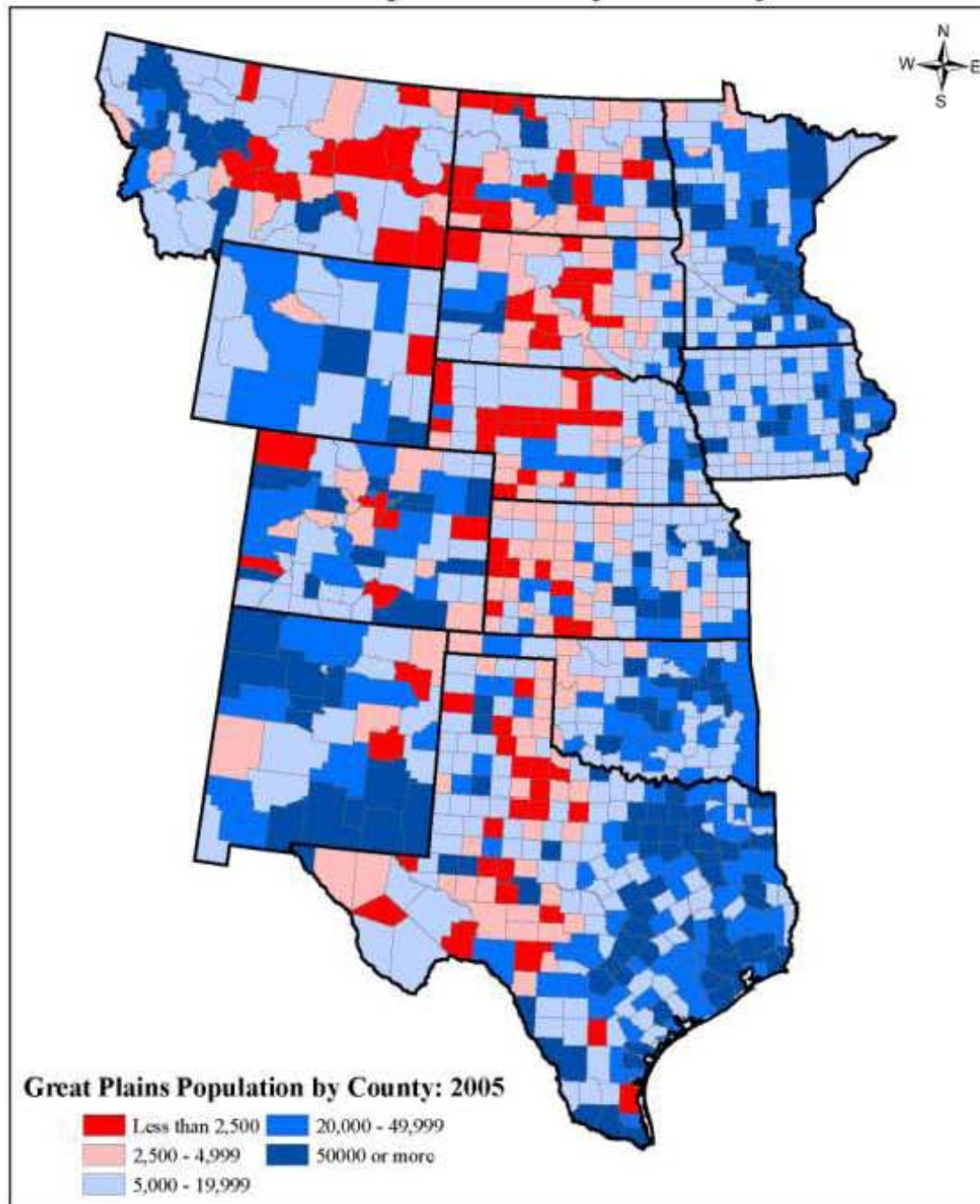
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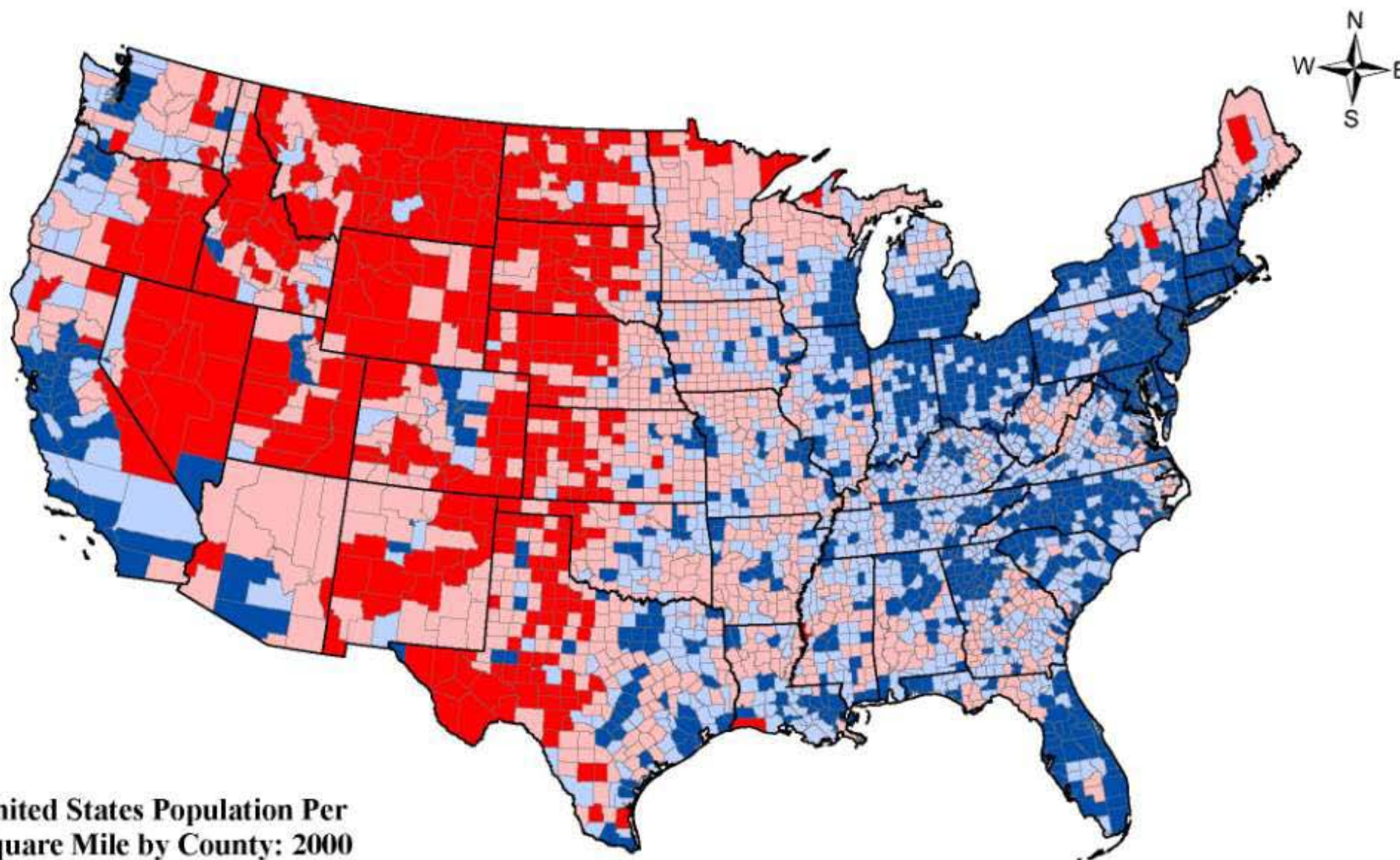
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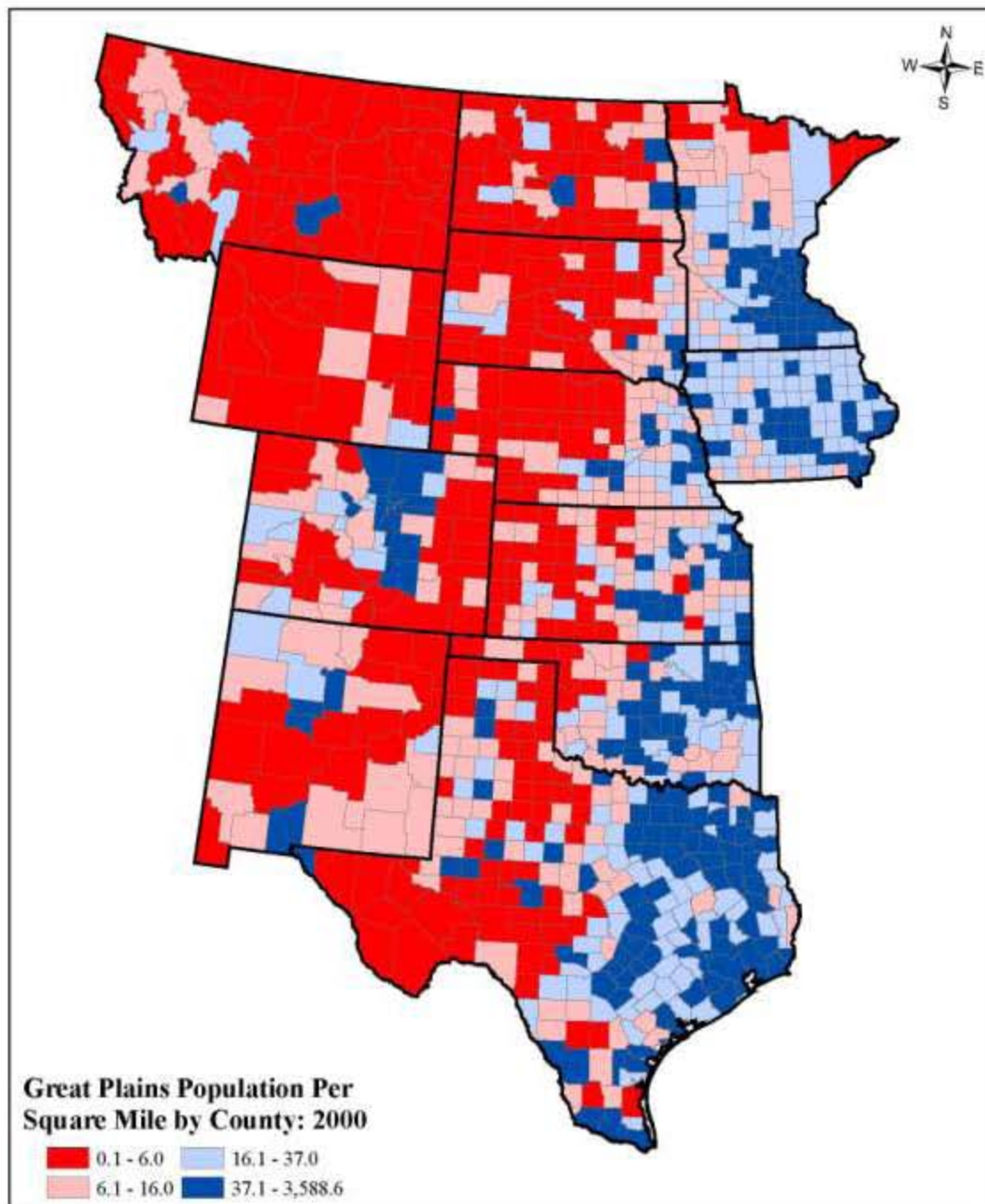
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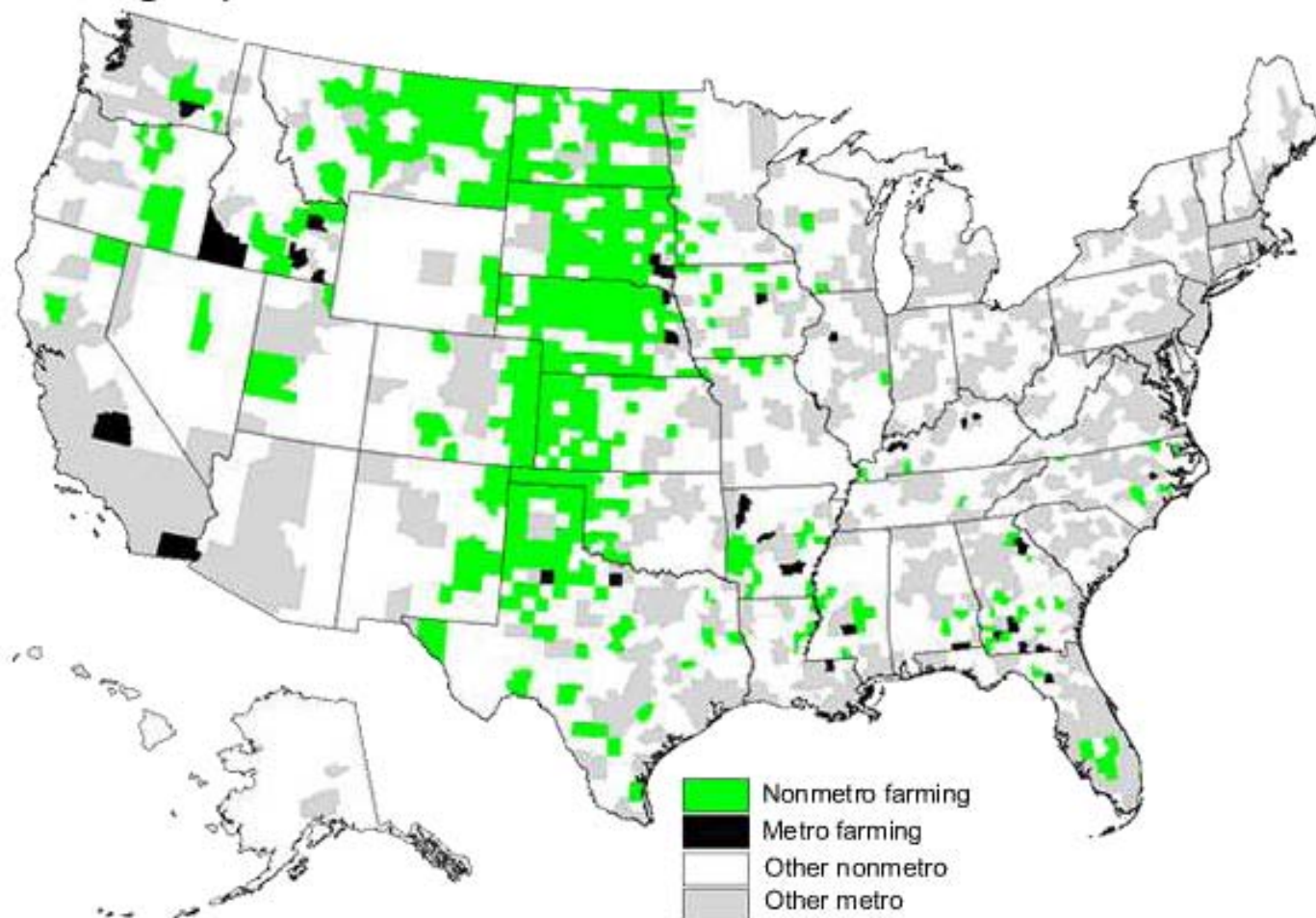
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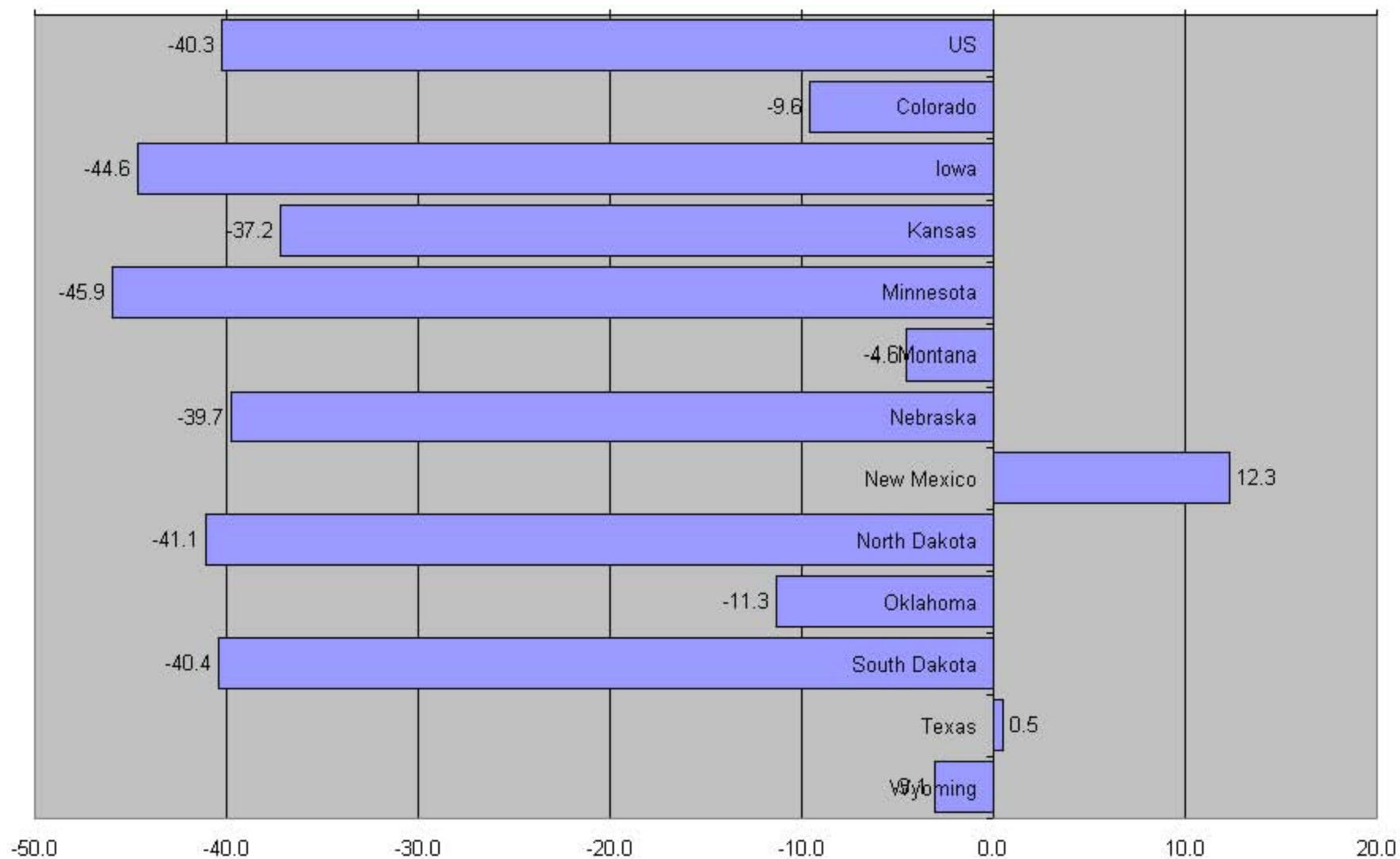
Farming-dependent Counties, 1998-2000



Farming-dependent counties—either an annual average of 15 percent or more total county earnings derived from farming during 1998-2000 or 15 percent or more of employed residents working in farm occupations in 2000.

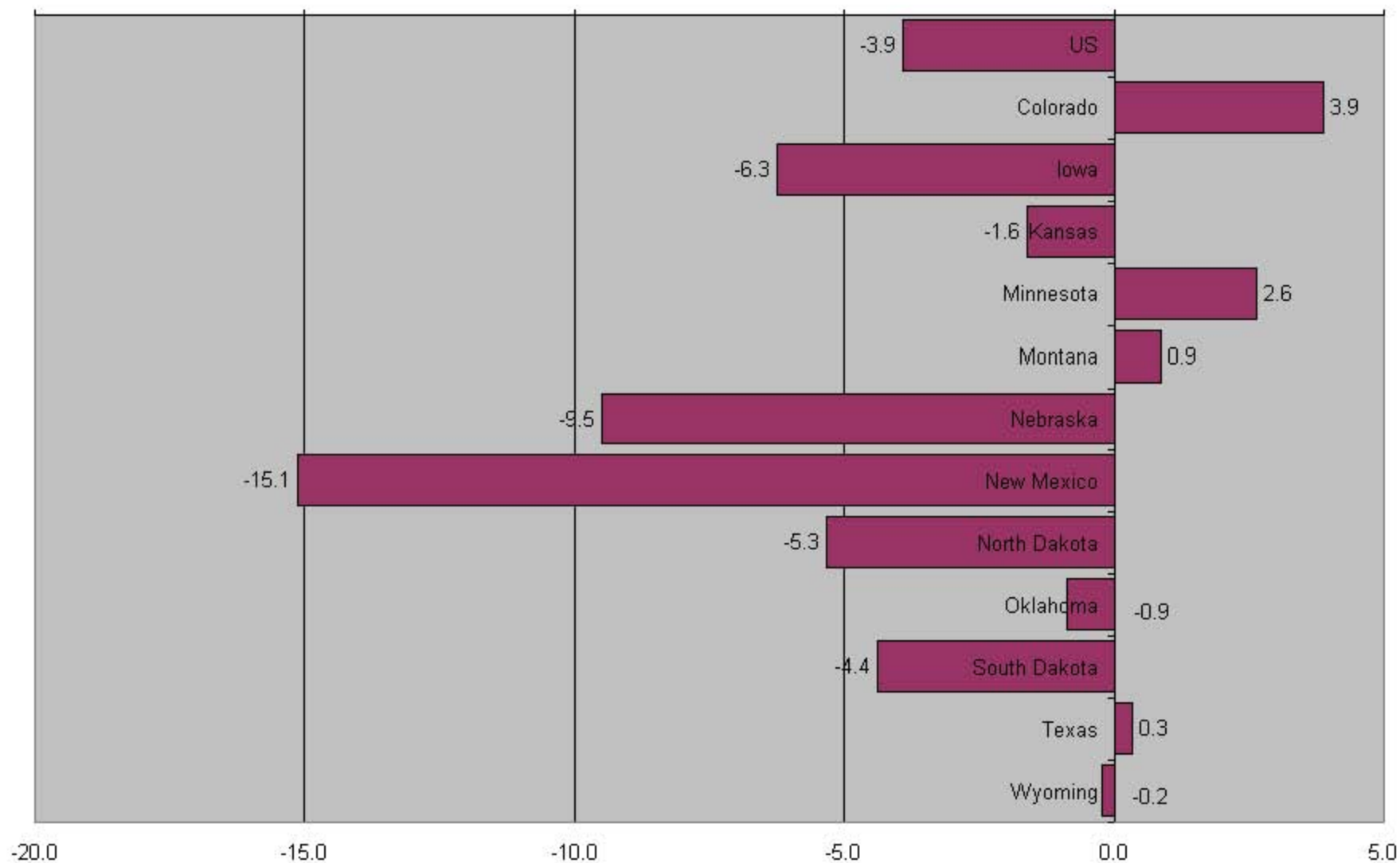
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Percent Change in Number of Farms: 1959-1997



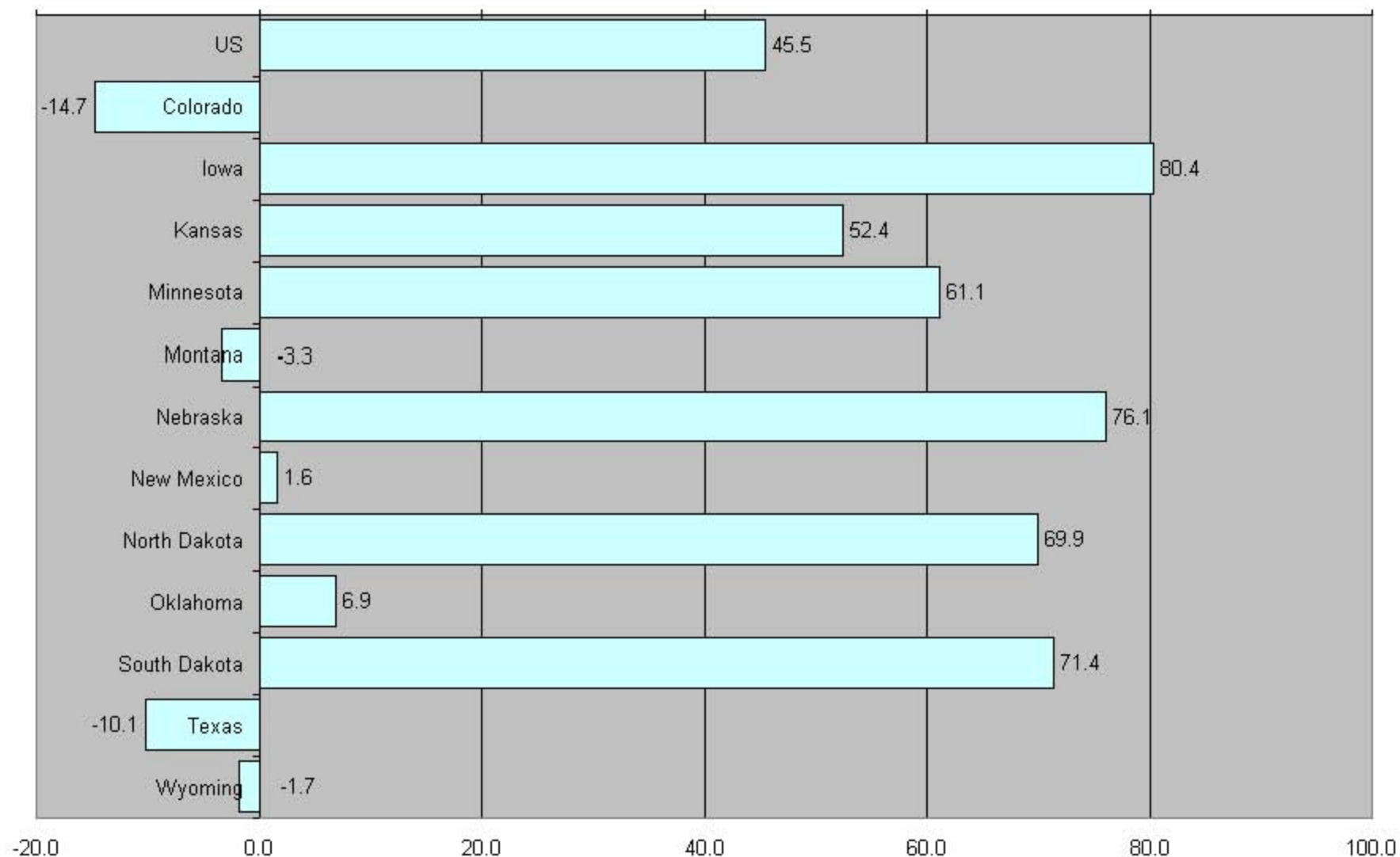
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Percent Change in Number of Farms: 1997-2002



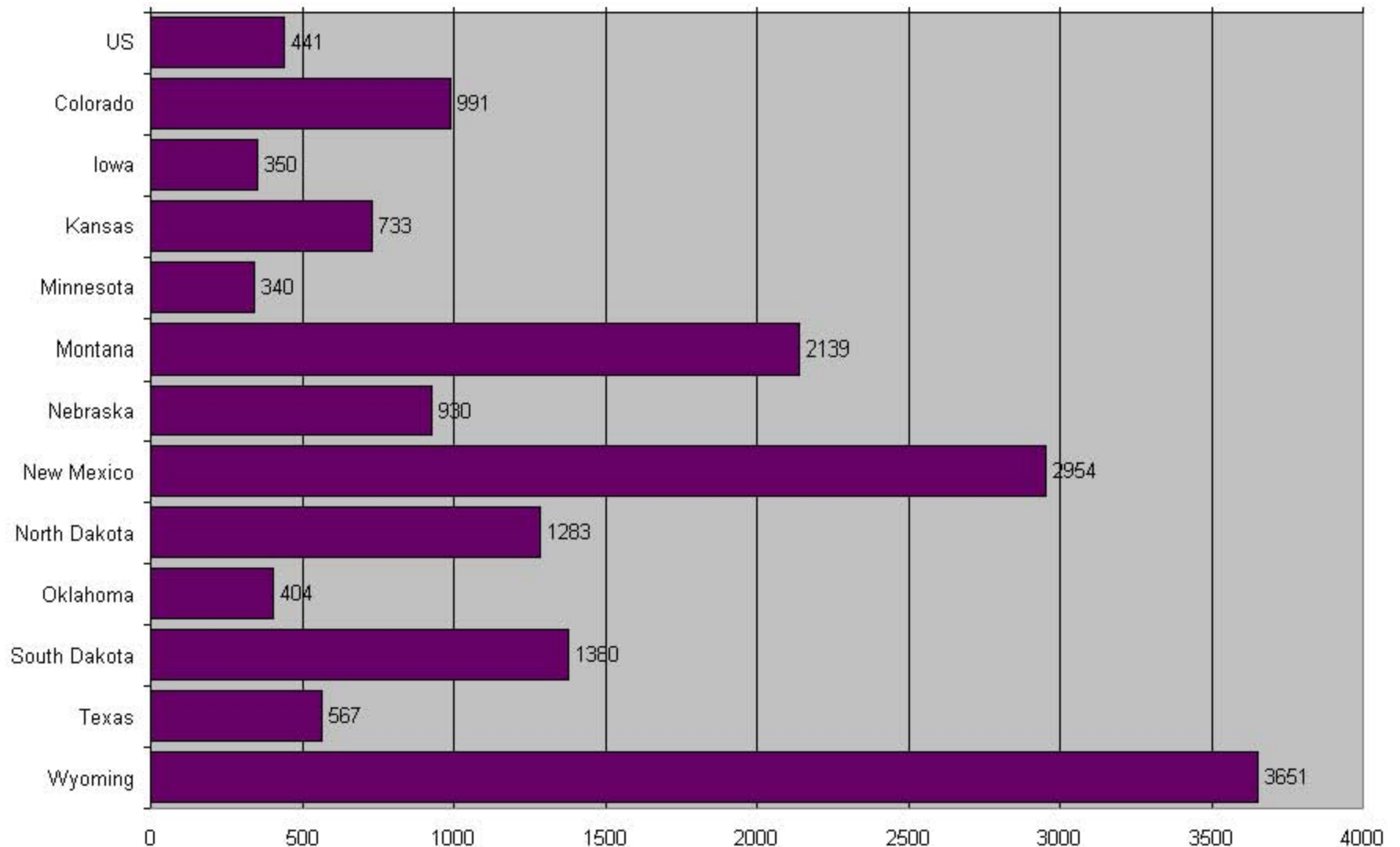
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Percent Change in Average Farm Size: 1959-2002



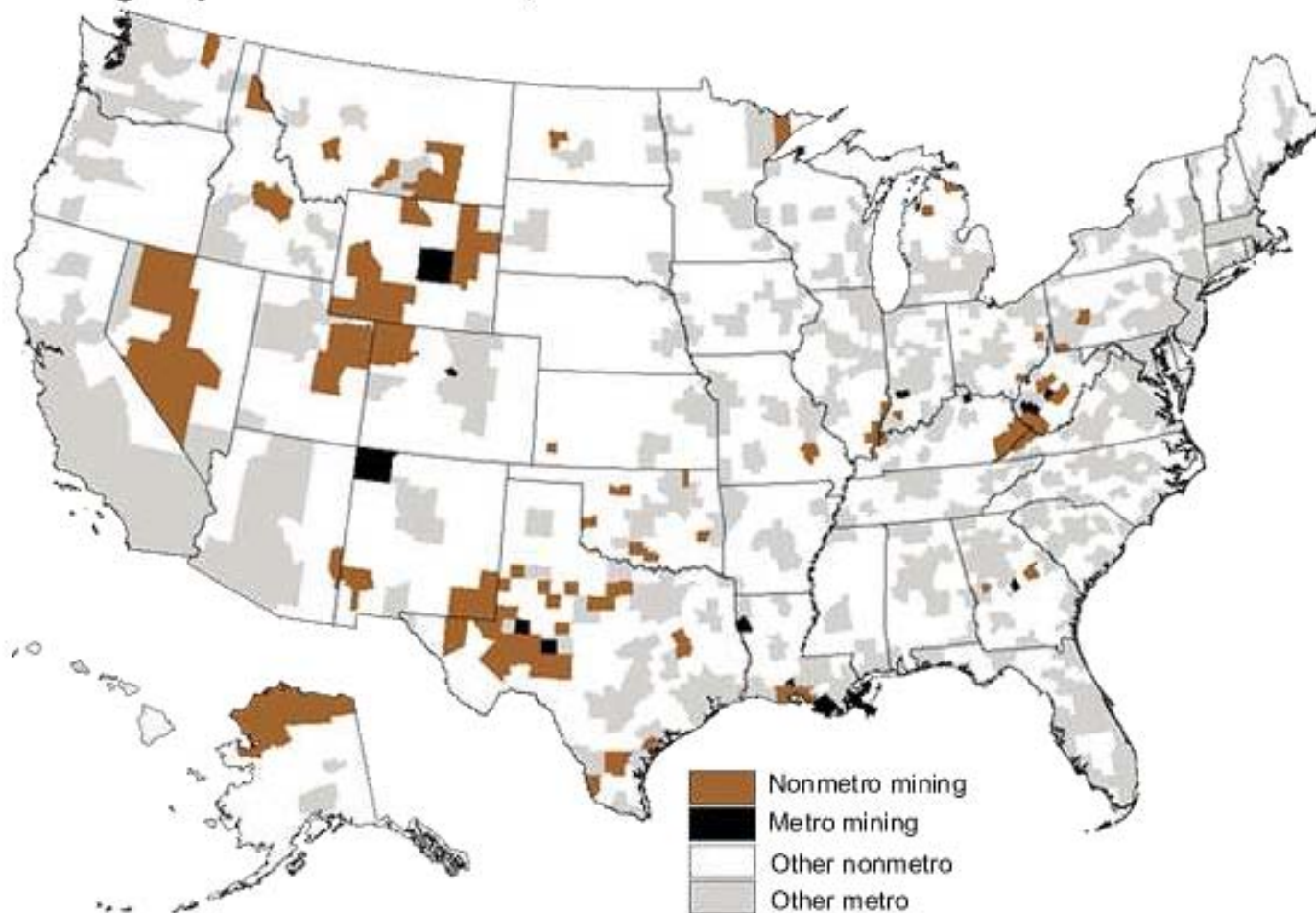
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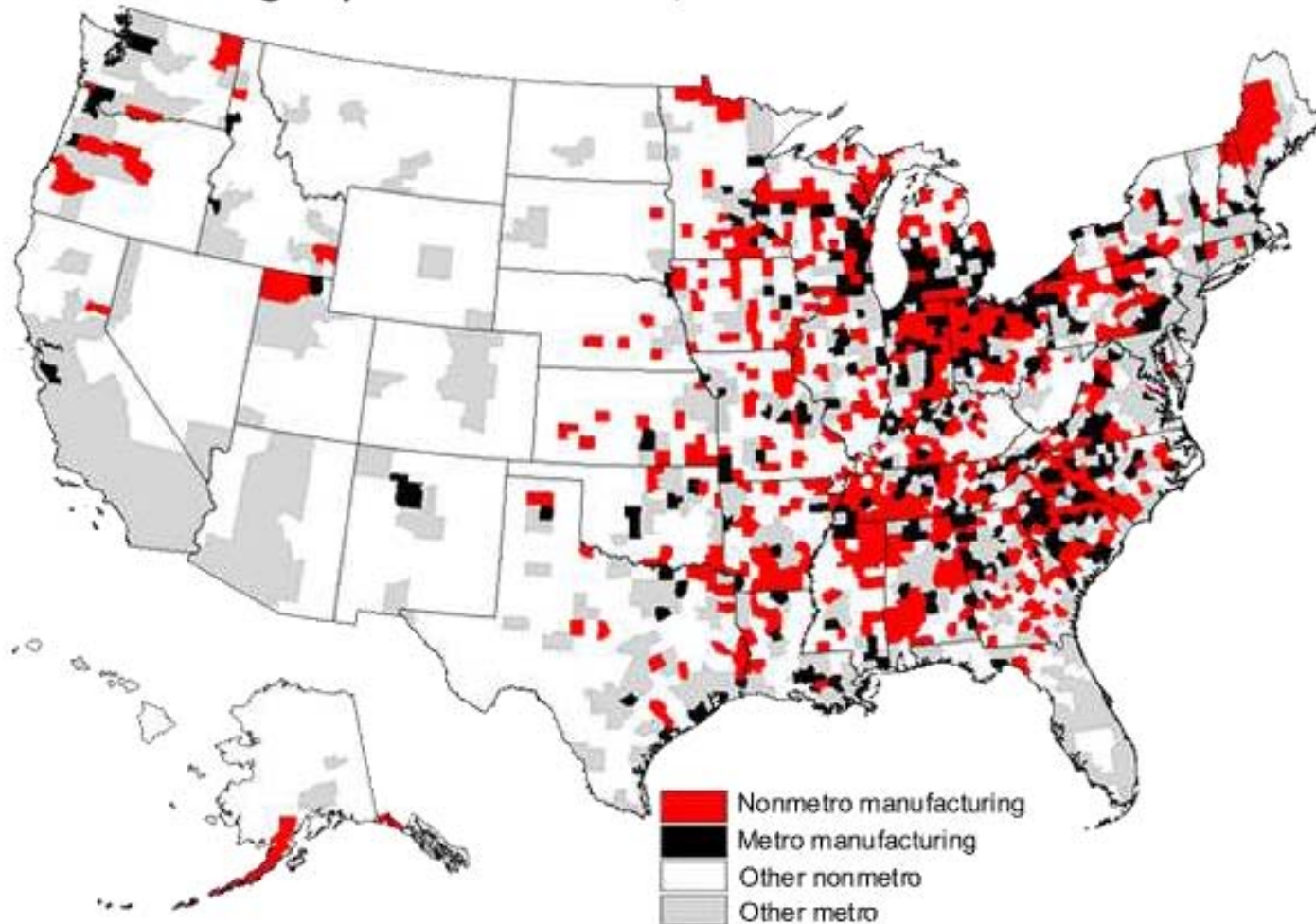
Mining-dependent Counties, 1998-2000



Mining-dependent counties—an average of 15 percent or more of total county earnings derived from mining during 1998-2000.

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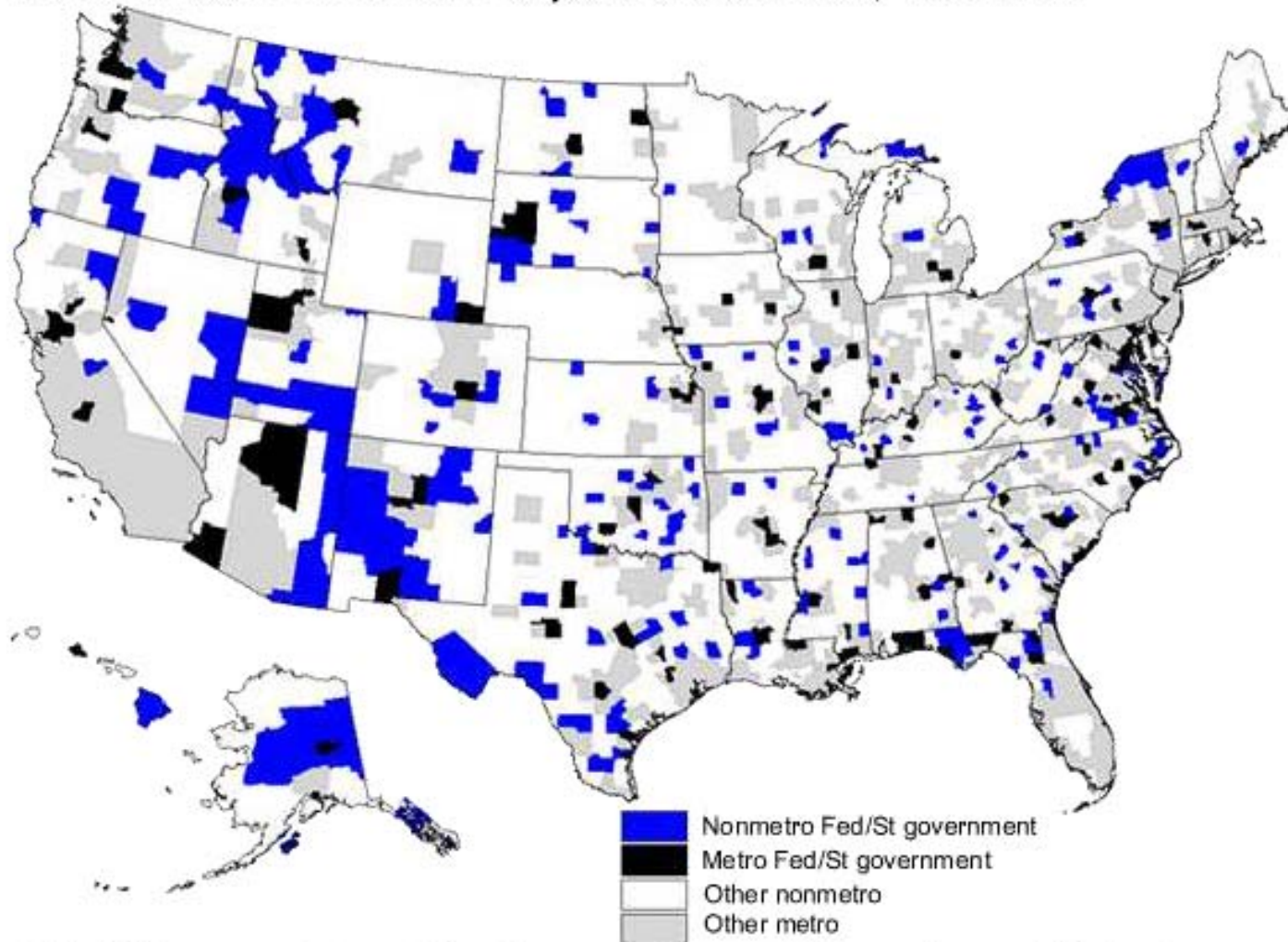
Manufacturing-dependent Counties, 1998-2000



Manufacturing-dependent counties--an annual average of 25 percent or more of total county earnings derived from manufacturing during 1998-2000.

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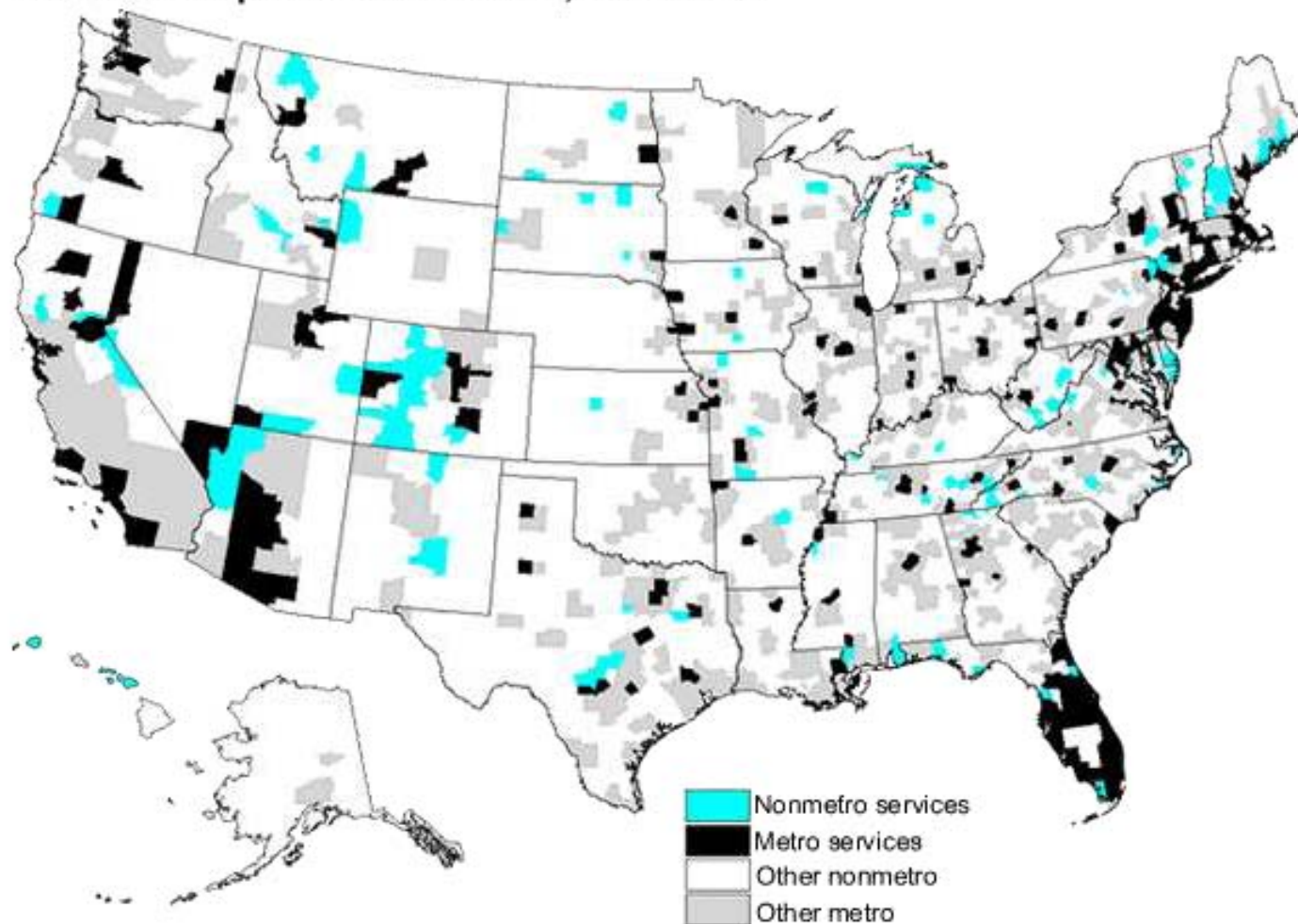
Federal/State Government-dependent Counties, 1998-2000



Federal/State government-dependent counties--an annual average of 15 percent or more of total county earnings derived from Federal and State government during 1998-2000.

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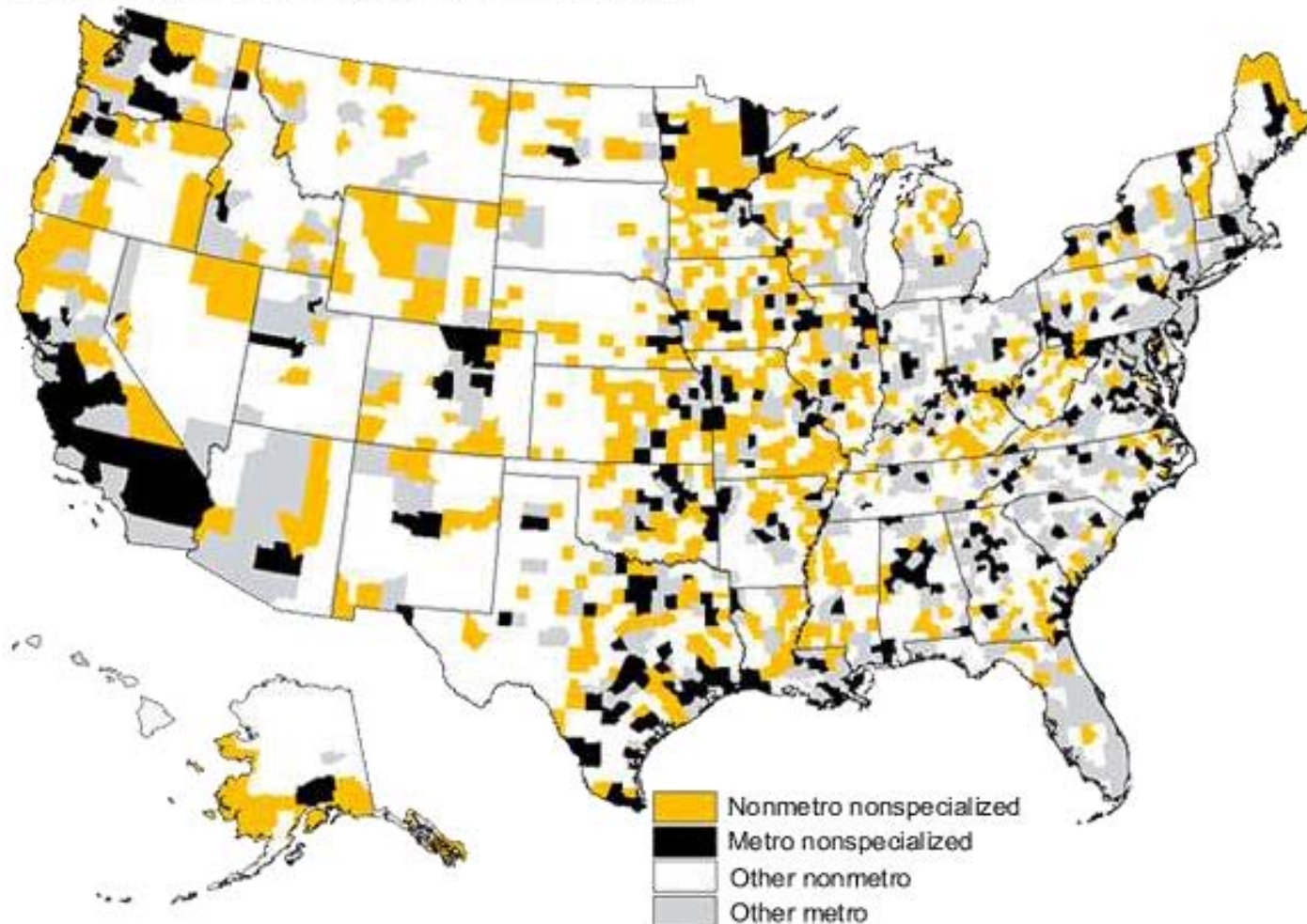
Services-dependent Counties, 1998-2000



Services-dependent counties—an annual average of 45 percent or more of total county earnings derived from services (retail trade; finance and real estate; and services) during 1998-2000.

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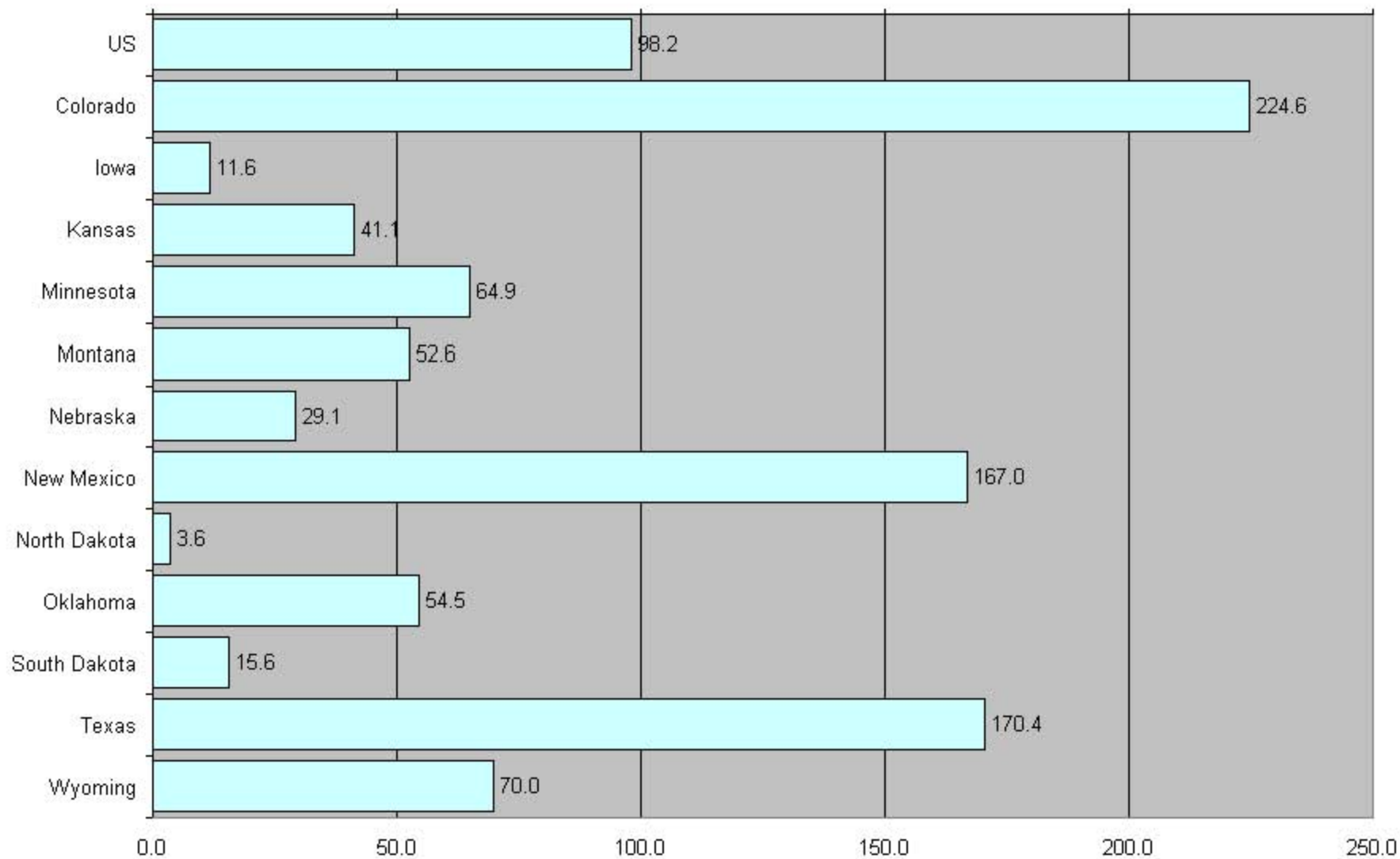
Nonspecialized Counties, 1998-2000



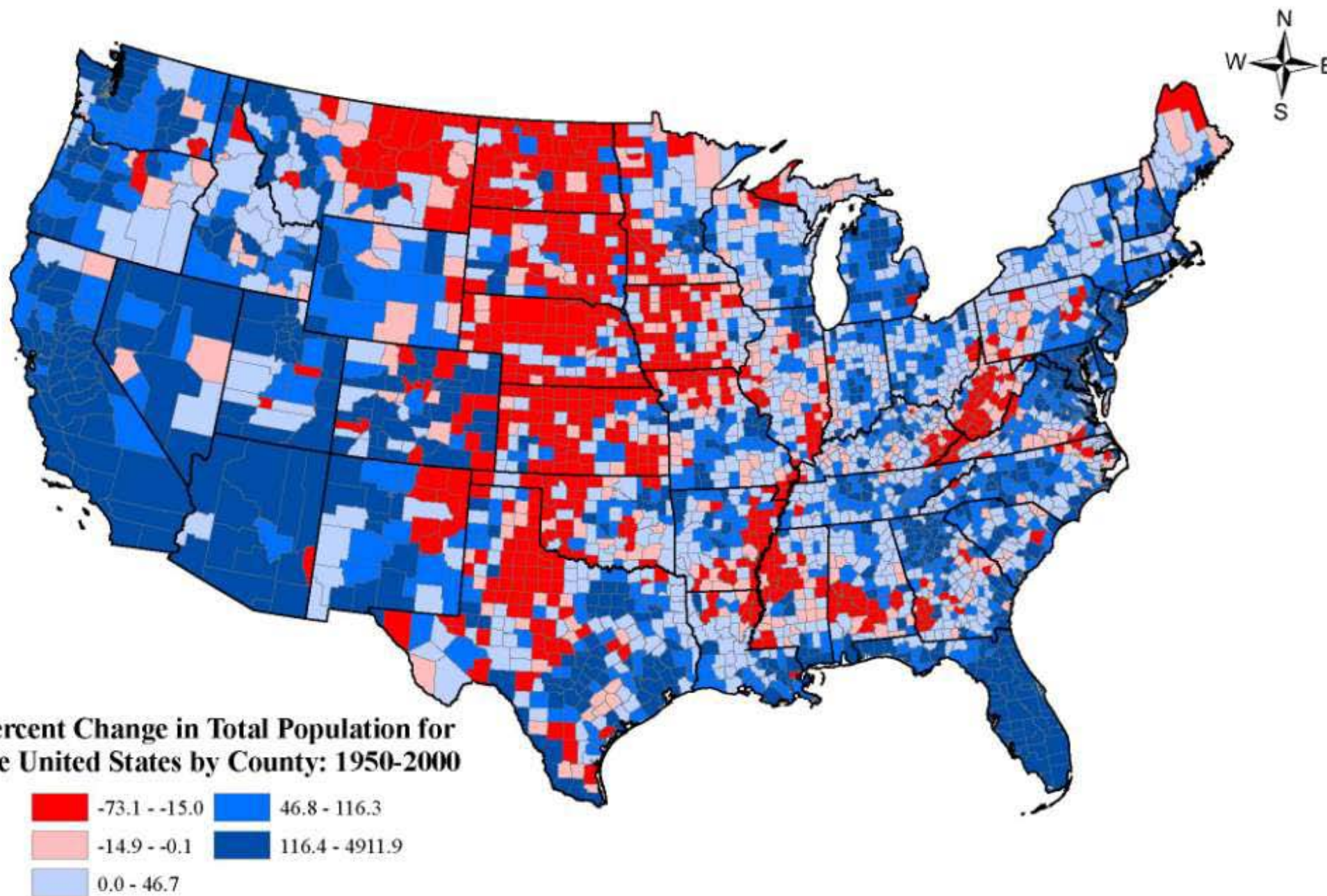
Nonspecialized counties--did not qualify for any of the farming, mining, manufacturing, Federal/State government, or services-dependent categories during 1998-2000.

Source: Economic Research Service, USDA.

Percent Change in Population: 1950-2000

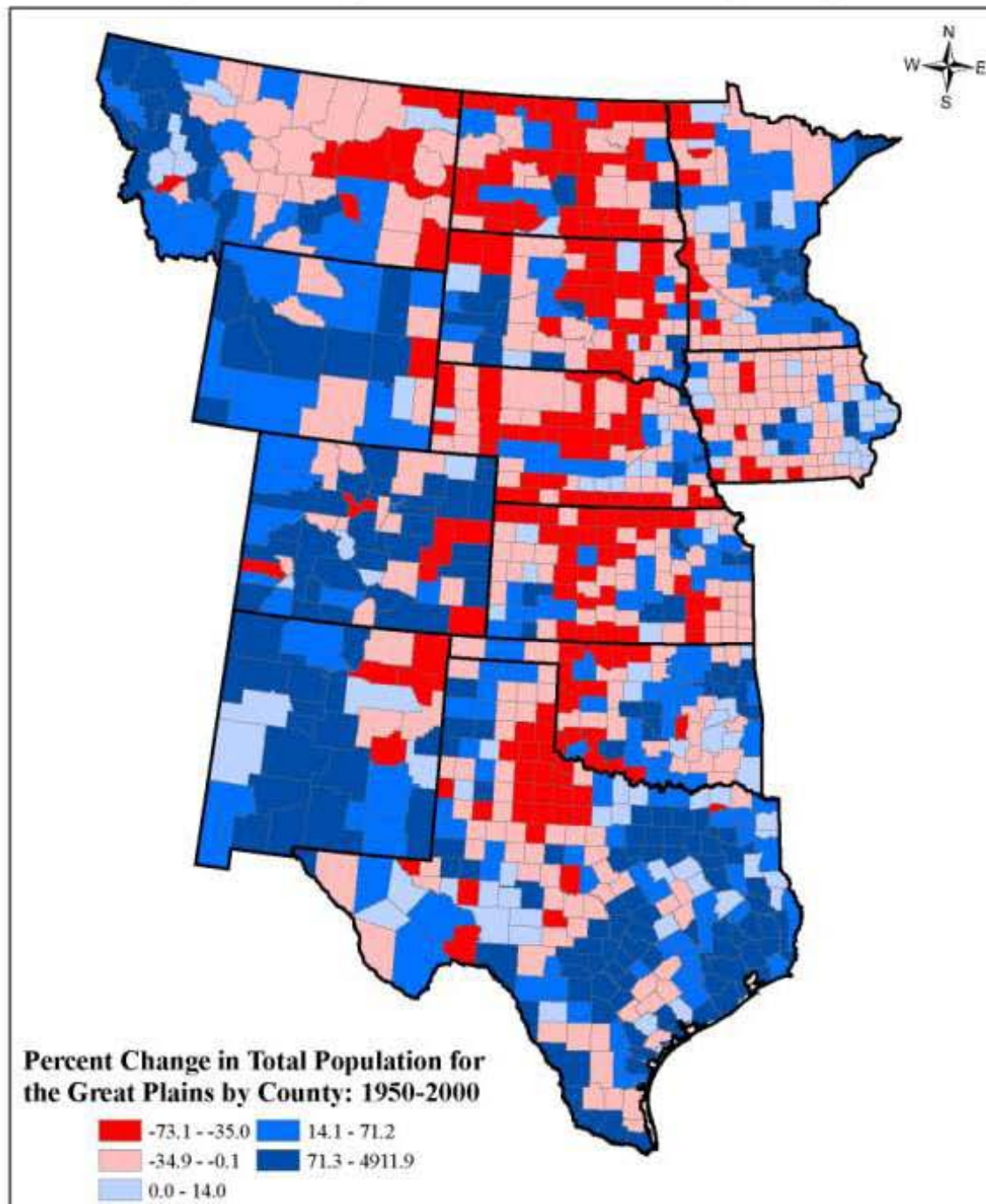


Percent Change in Total Population for the United States by County: 1950-2000

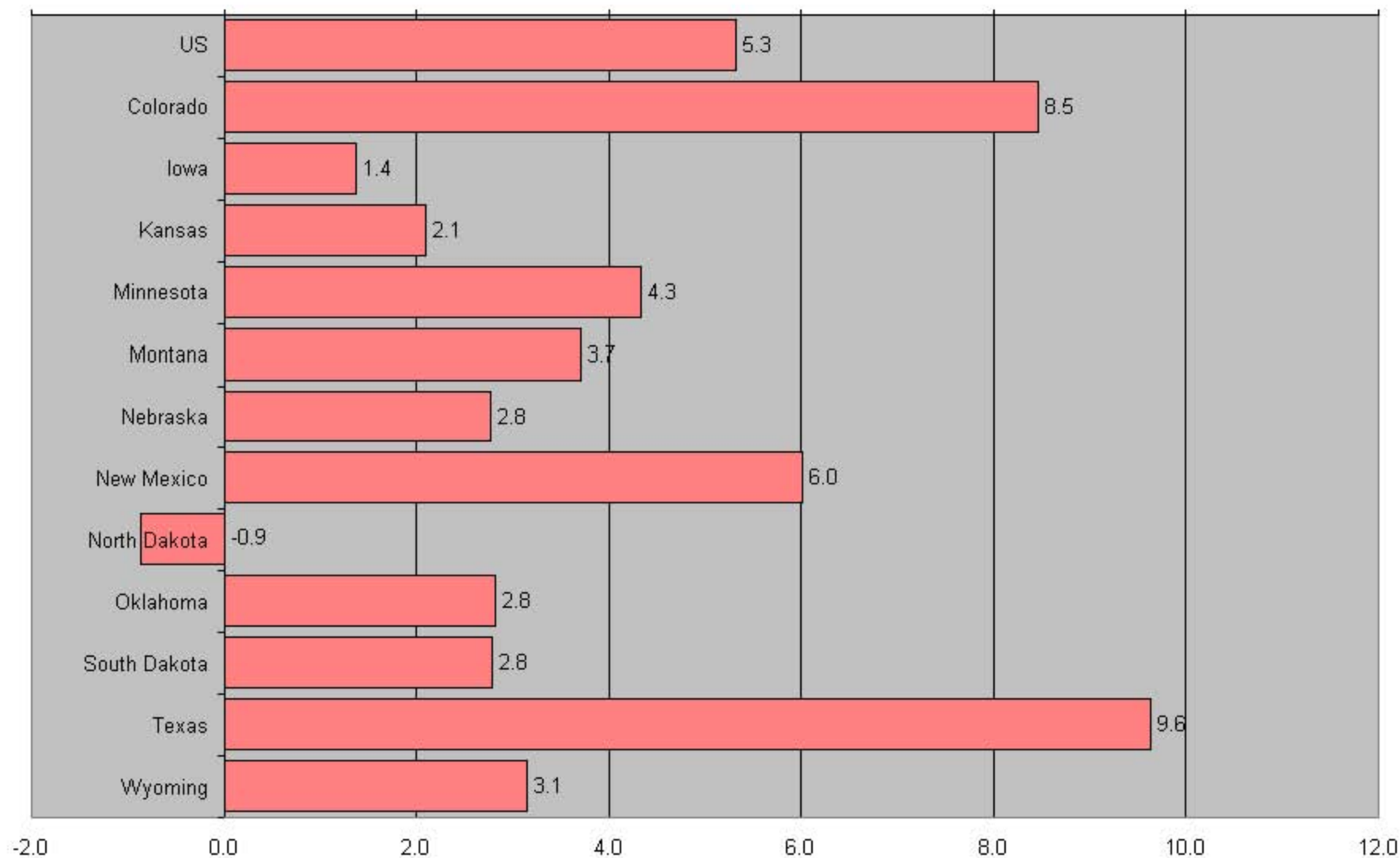


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Percent Change in Total Population for the Great Plains by County: 1950-2000

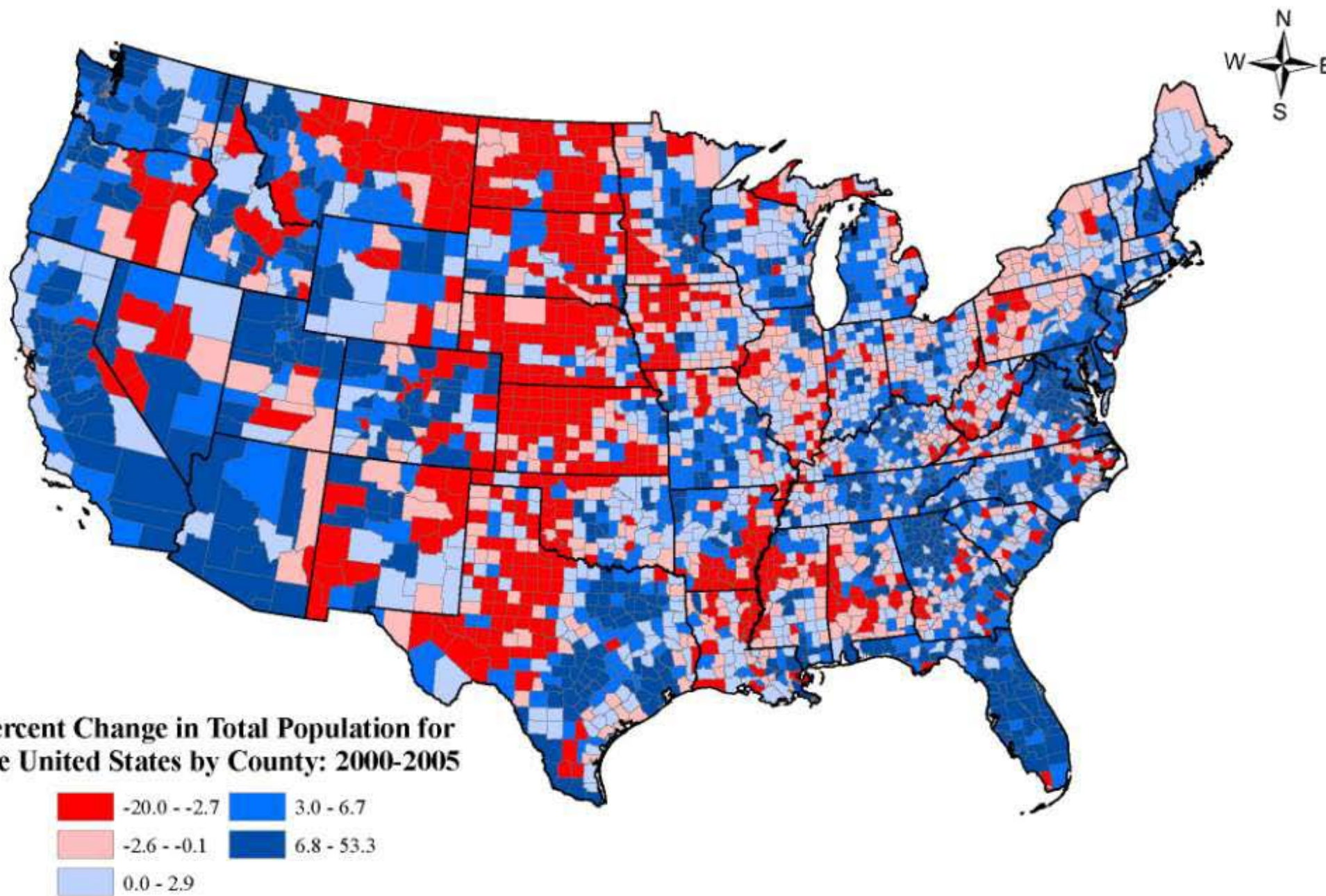


Percent Change in Population: 2000-2005

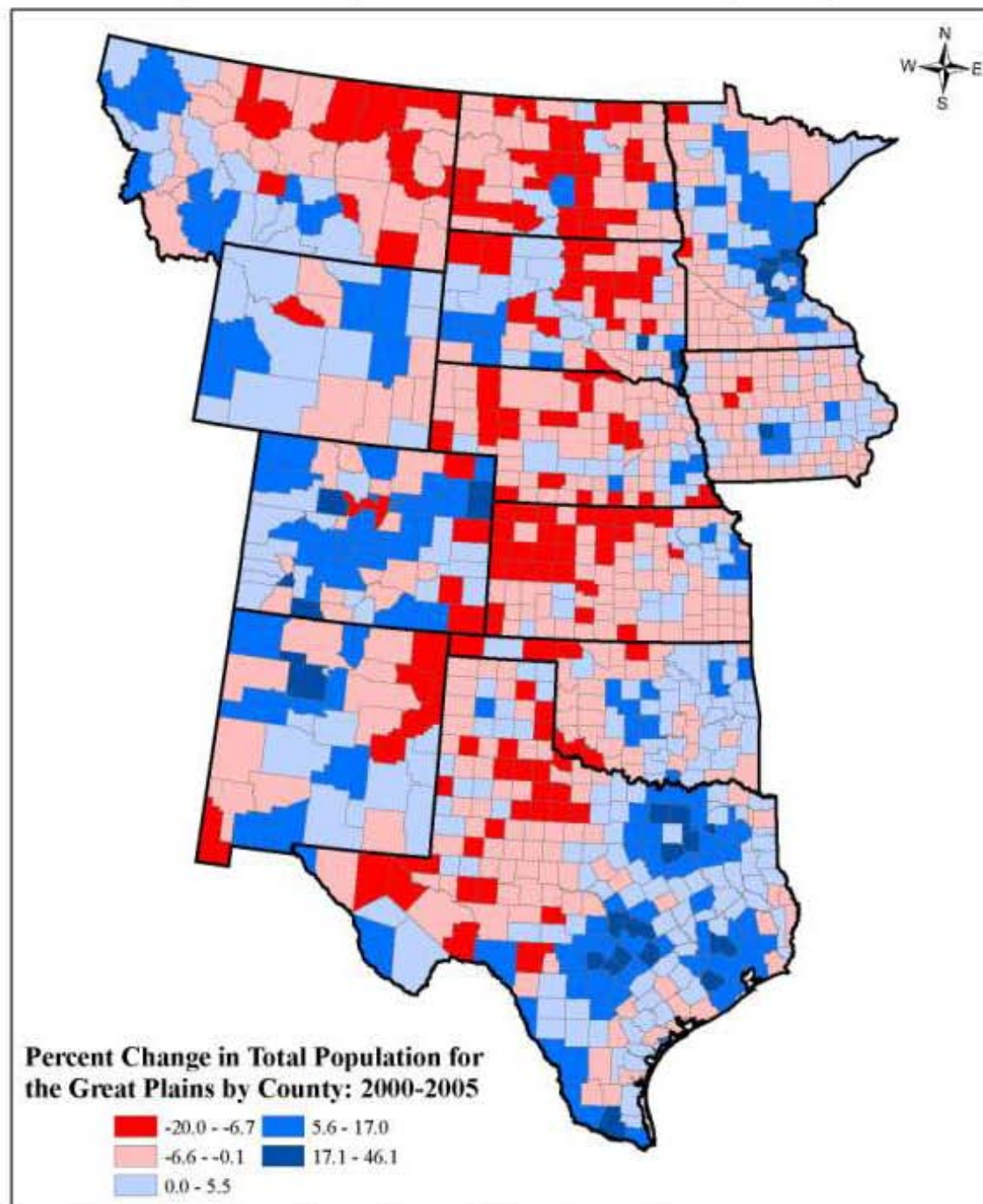


Source: US Census Bureau, 2005 Annual Estimates

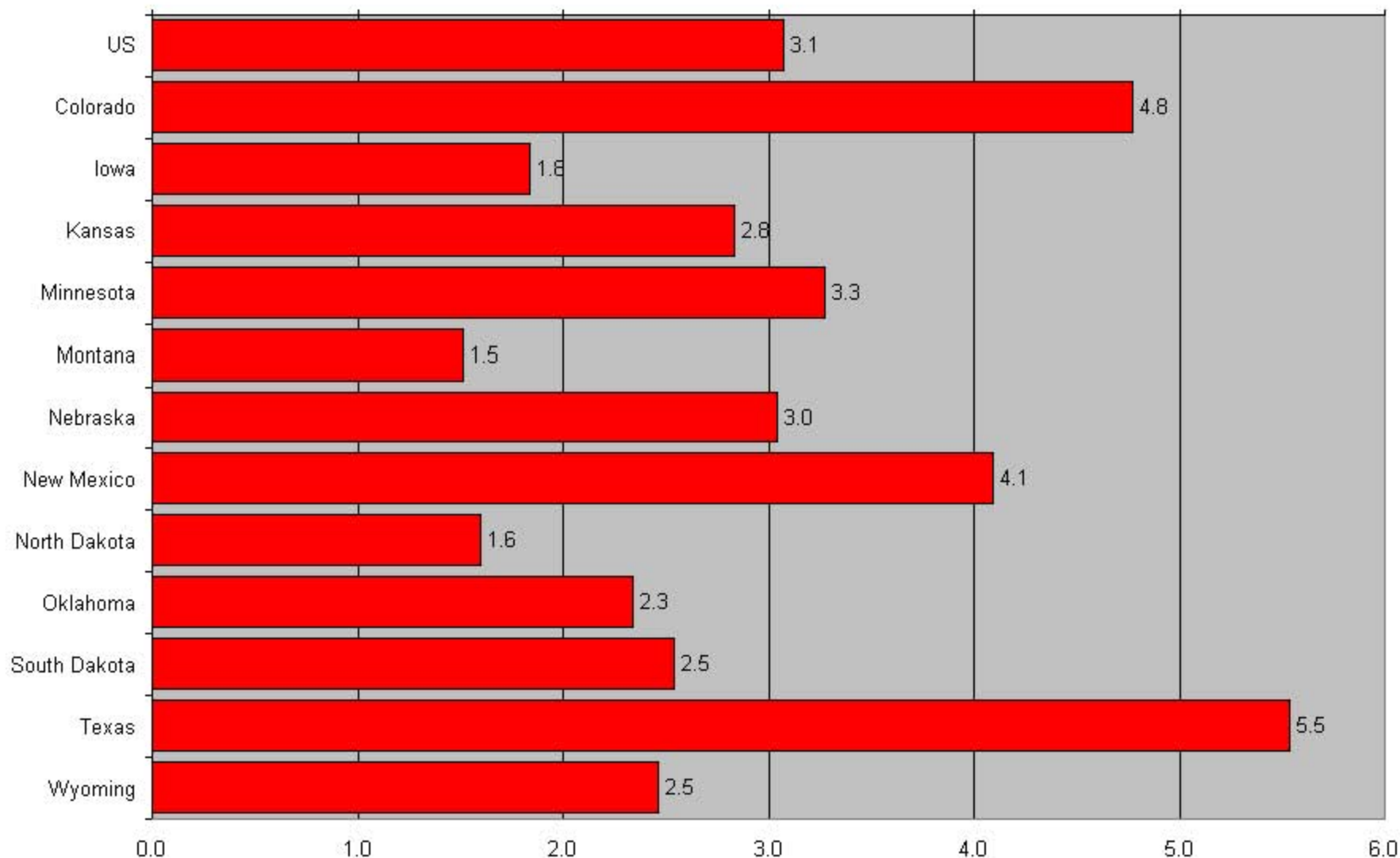
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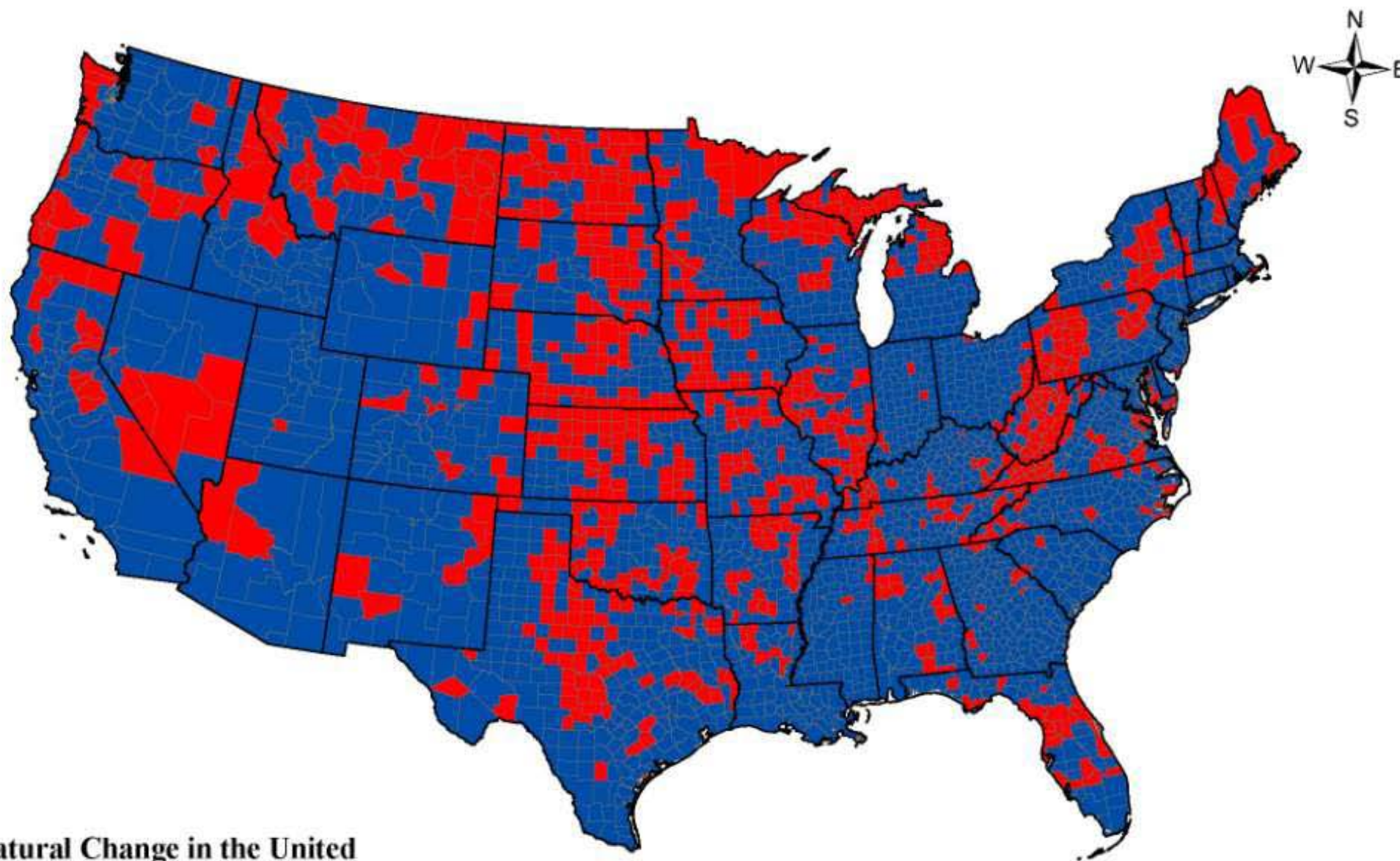


Natural Change as a Percent of 2000 Population: 2000-2005



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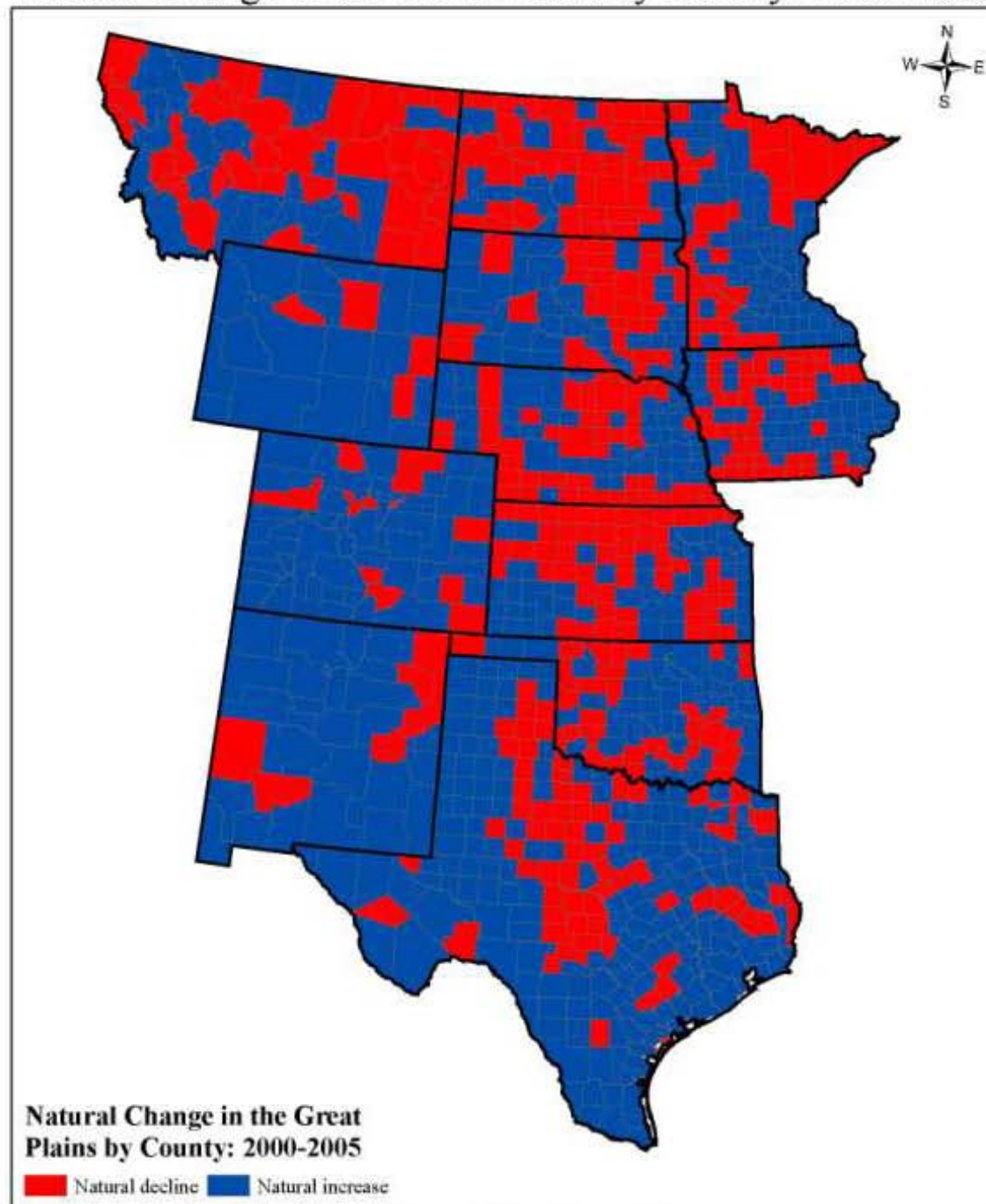
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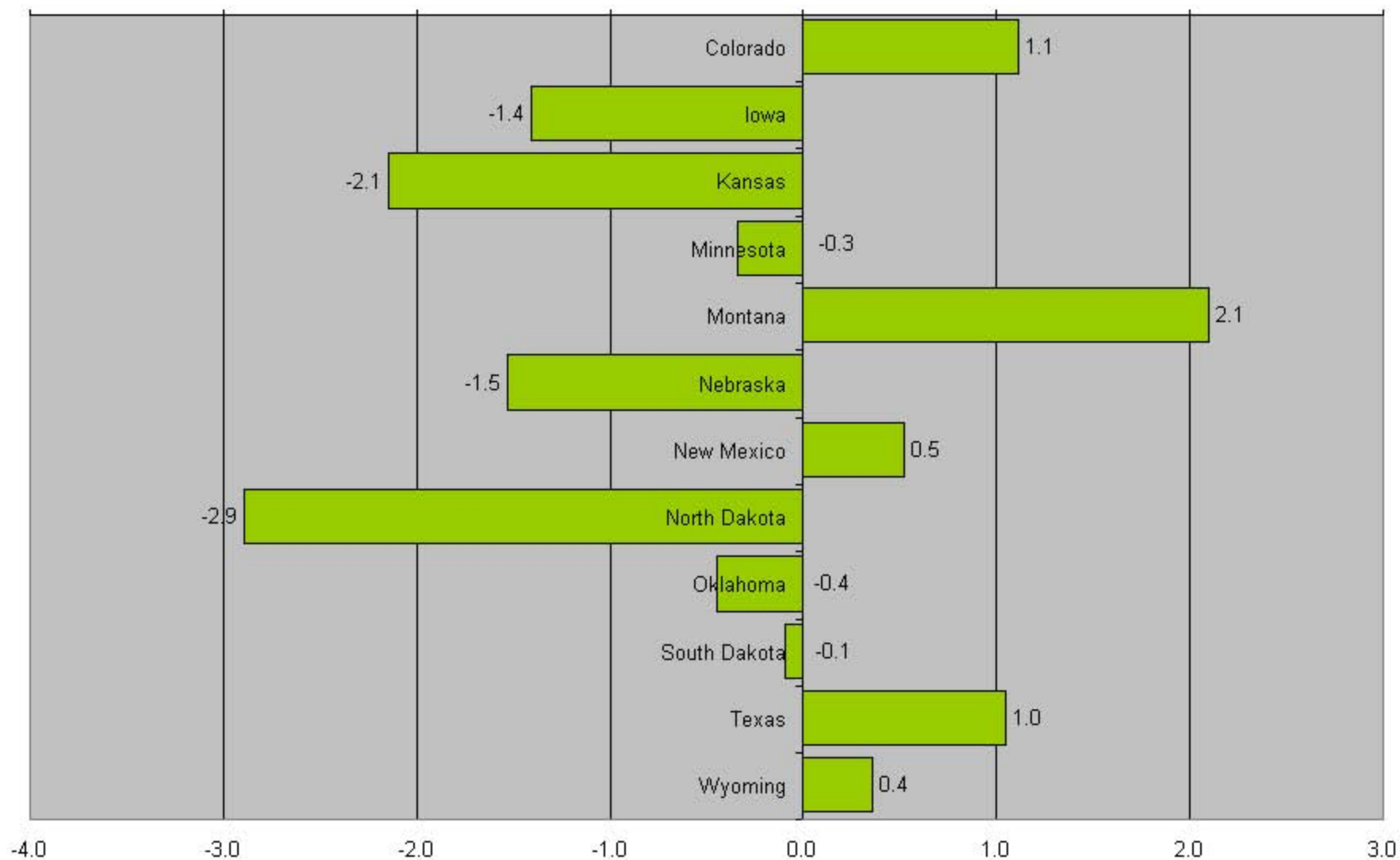
Natural Change in the United States by County: 2000-2005

■ Natural decline ■ Natural increase

Natural Change in the Great Plains by County: 2000-2005

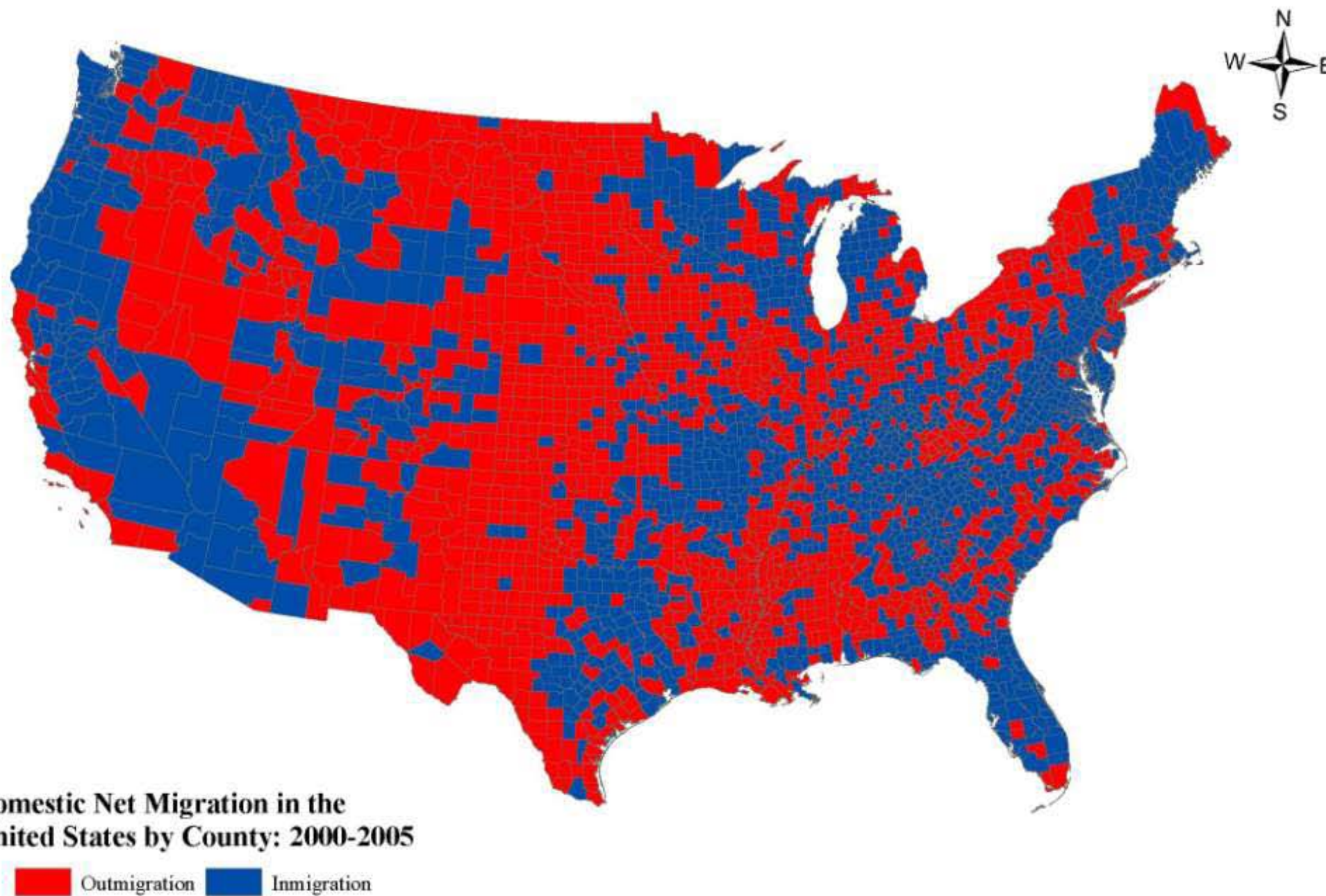


Net Domestic Migration as a Percent of 2000 Population: 2000-2005

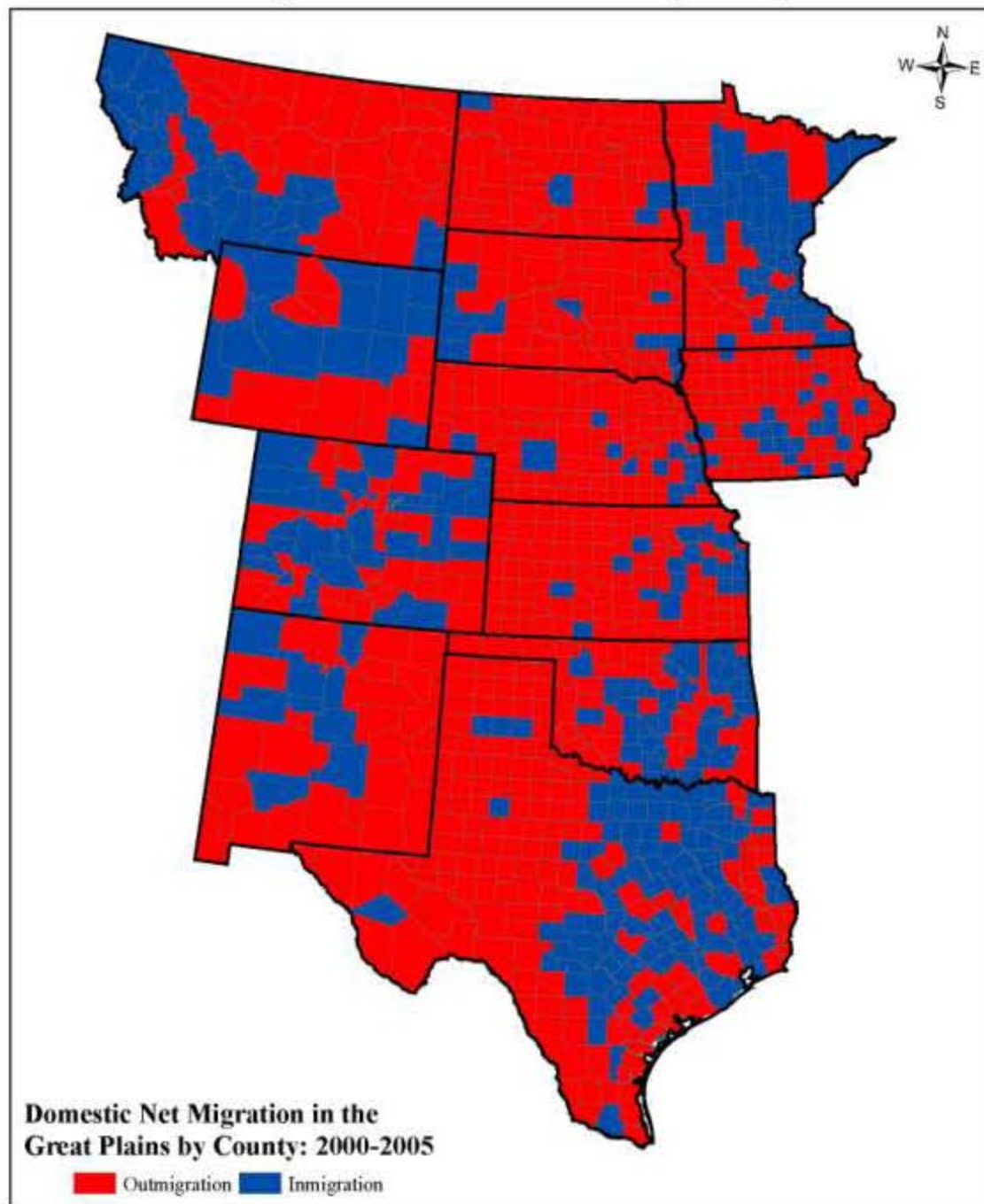


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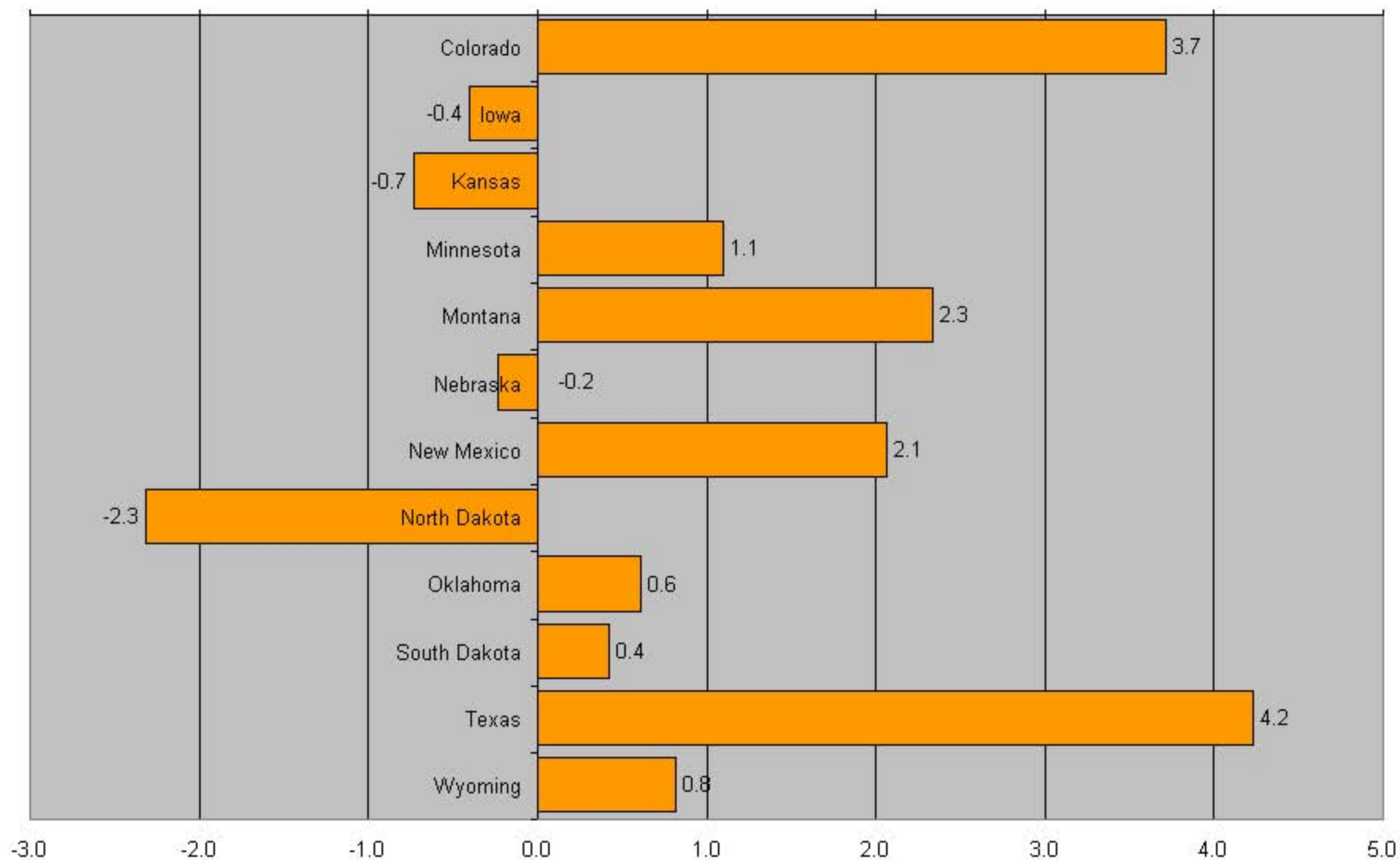


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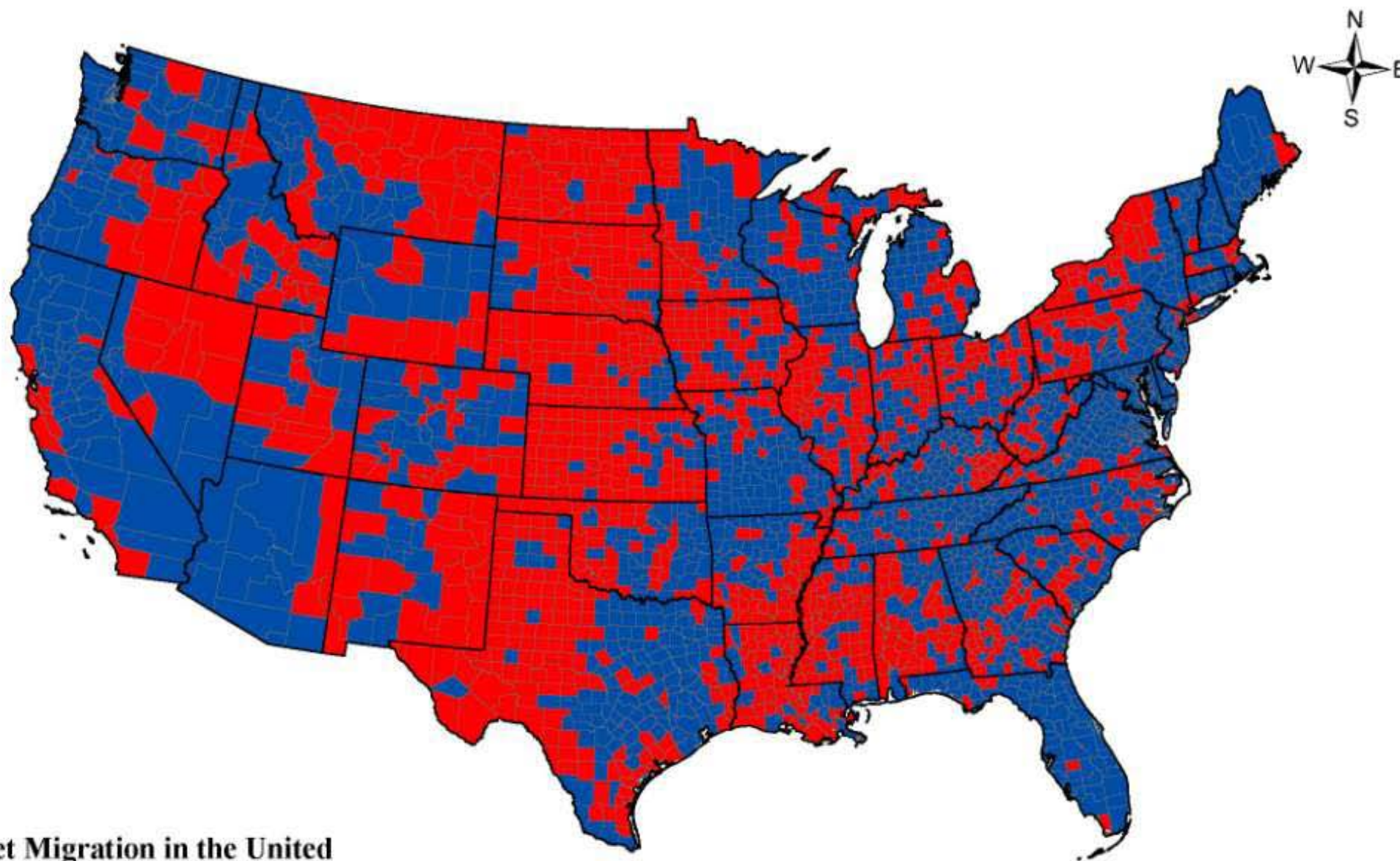
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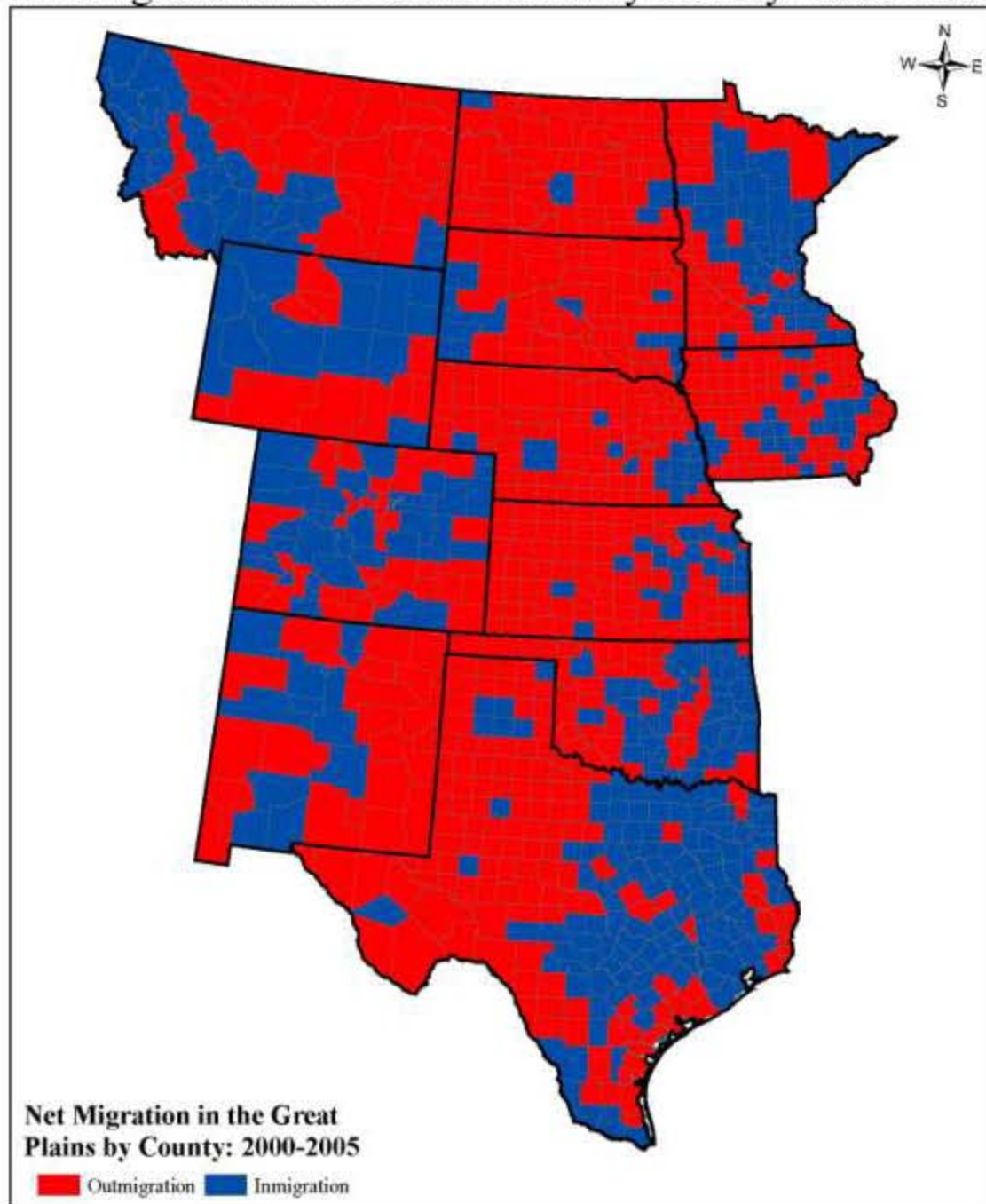
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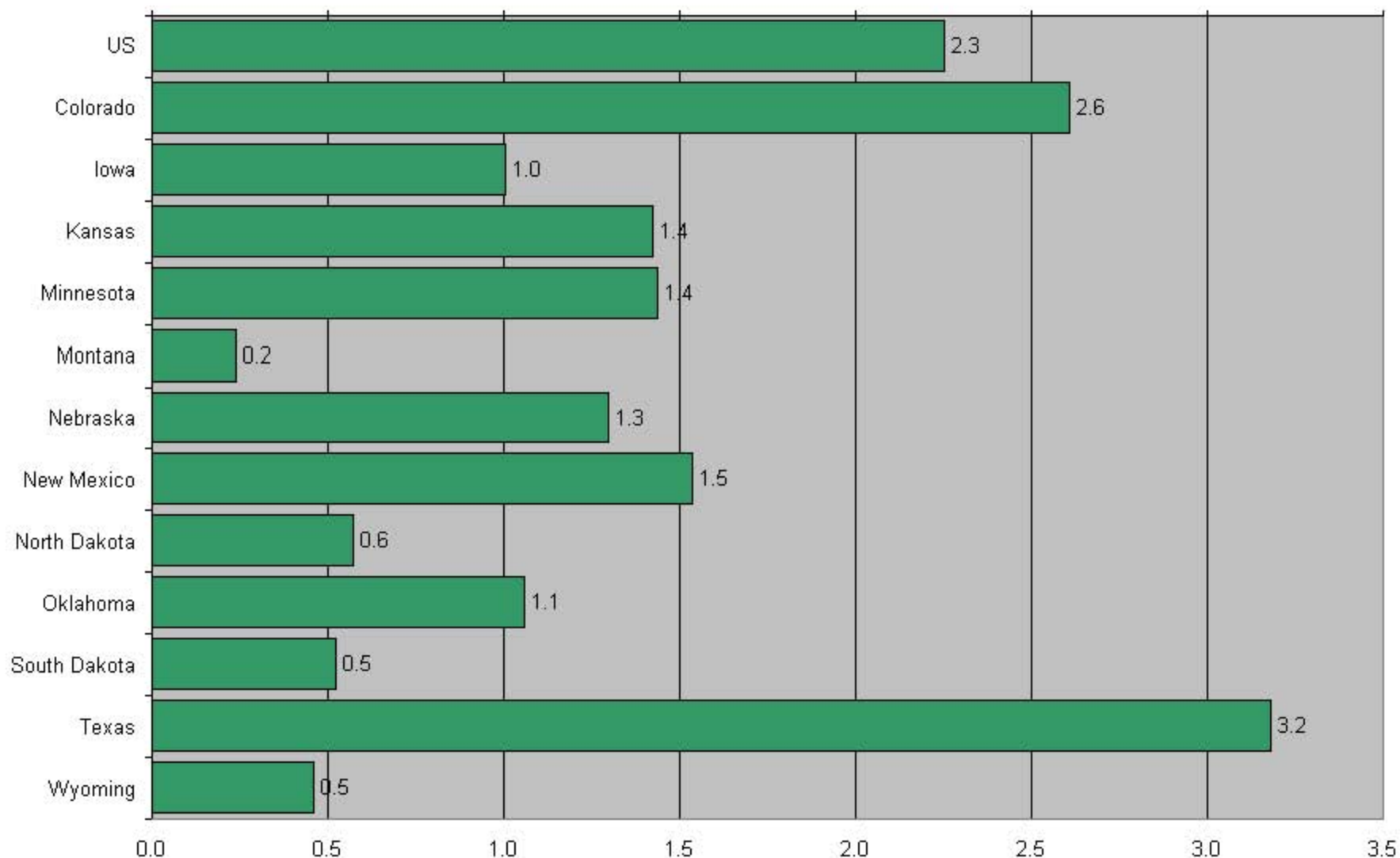
Outmigration Immigration

Net Migration in the Great Plains by County: 2000-2005



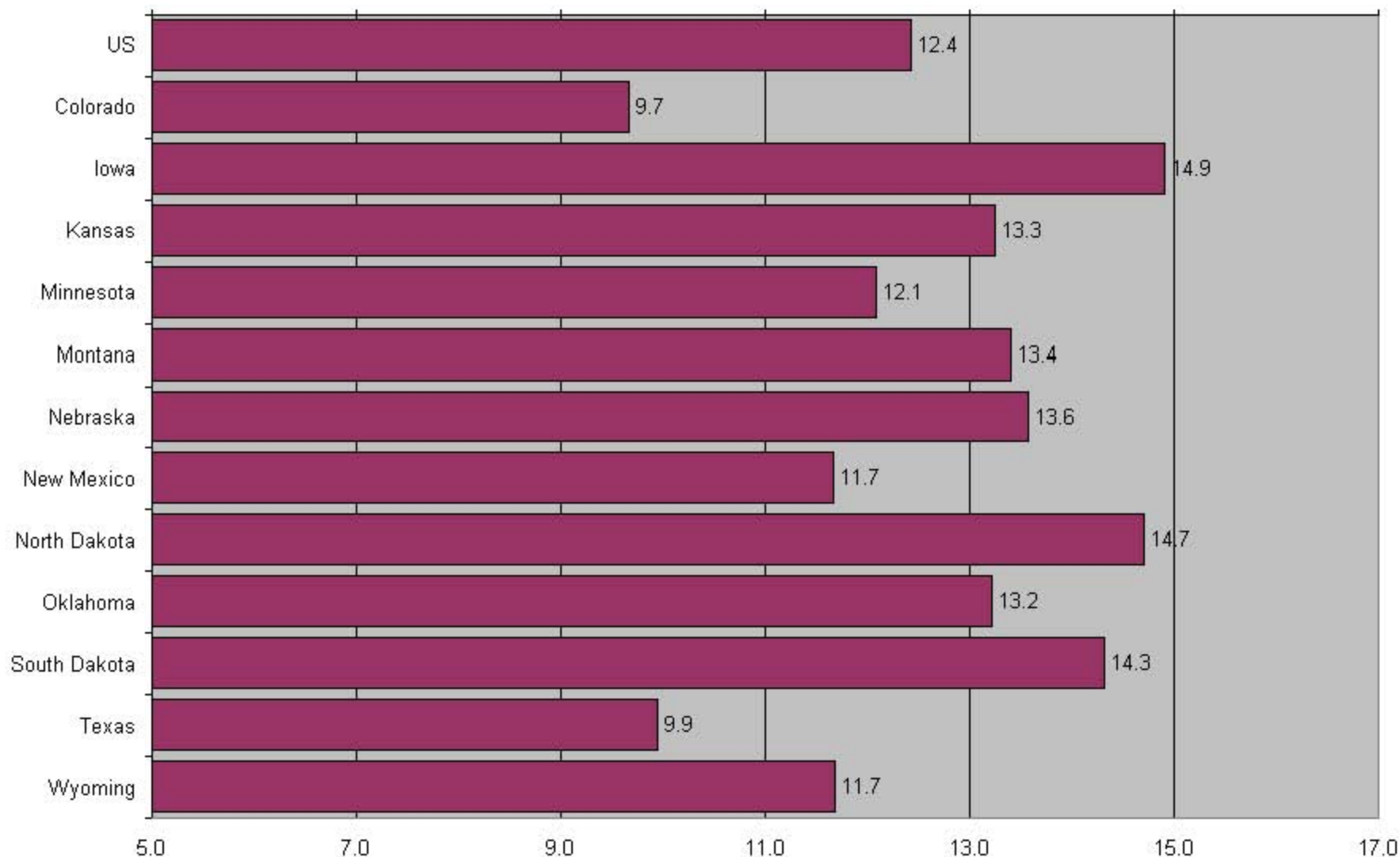
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Net International Migration as a Percent of 2000 Population: 2000-2005



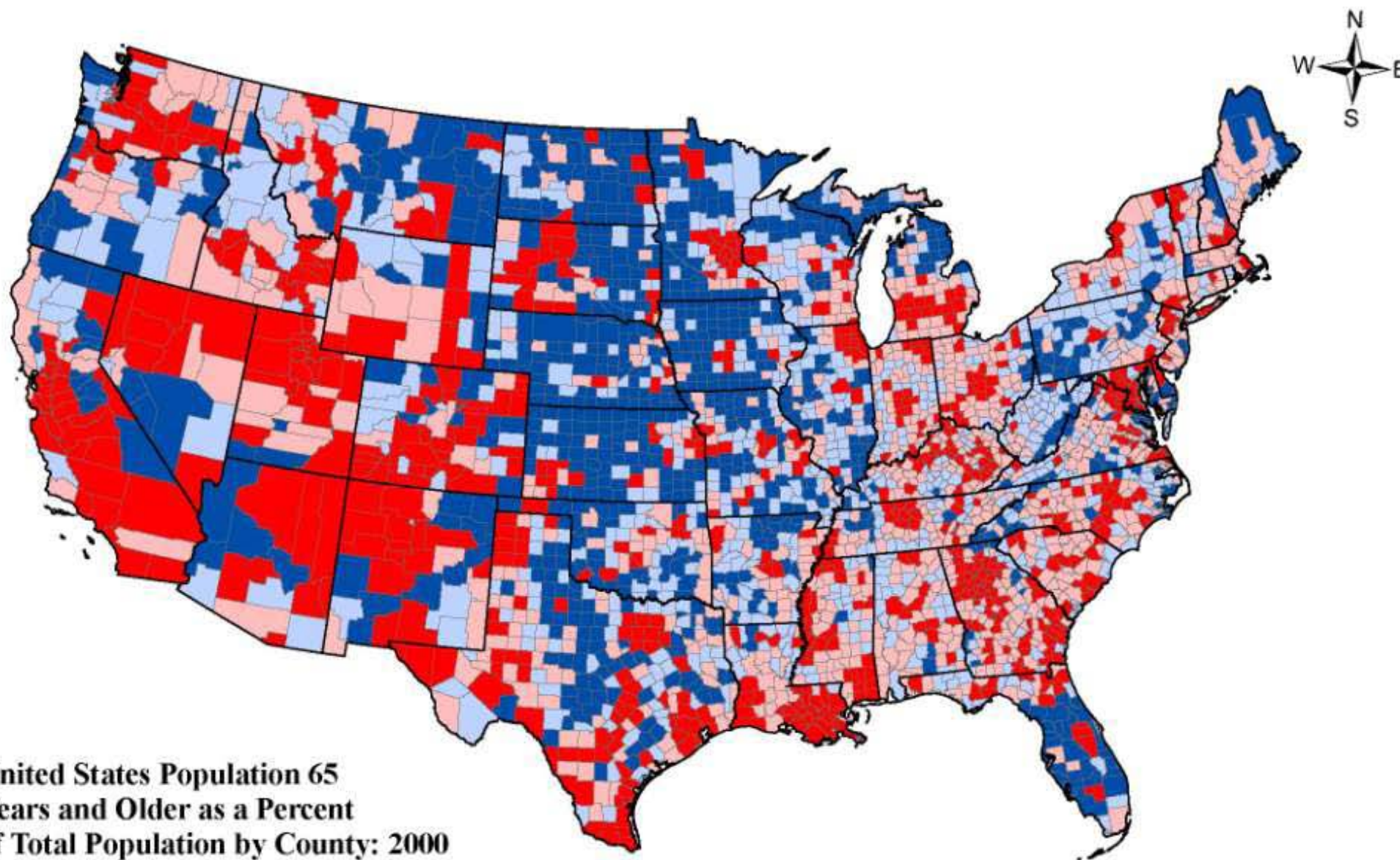
Source: US Census Bureau, 2005 Annual Estimates

Percent of Population Aged 65 or Older: 2000



Source: US Census Bureau, 2005 Annual Estimates

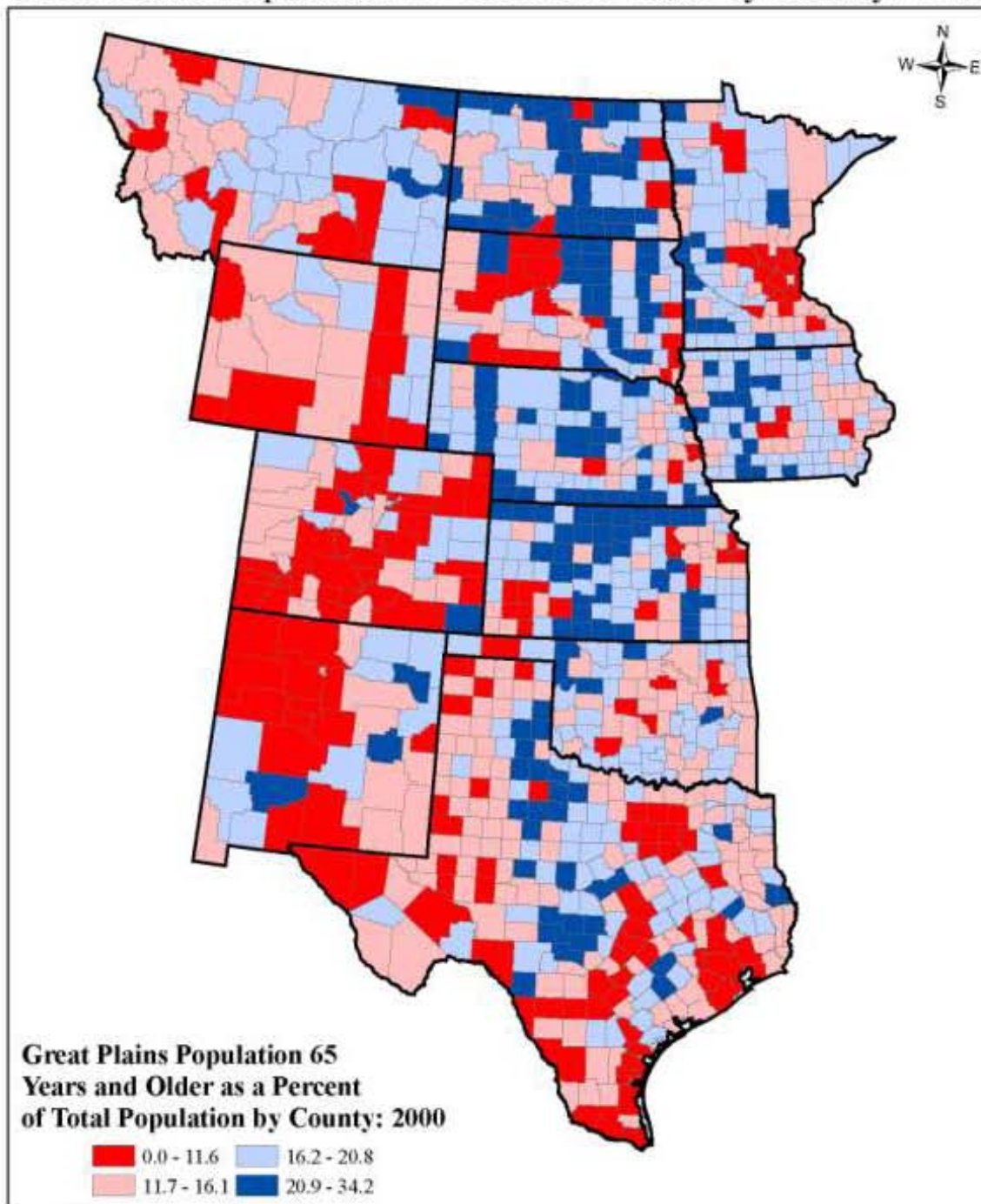
United States Population 65 Years and Older by County: 2000



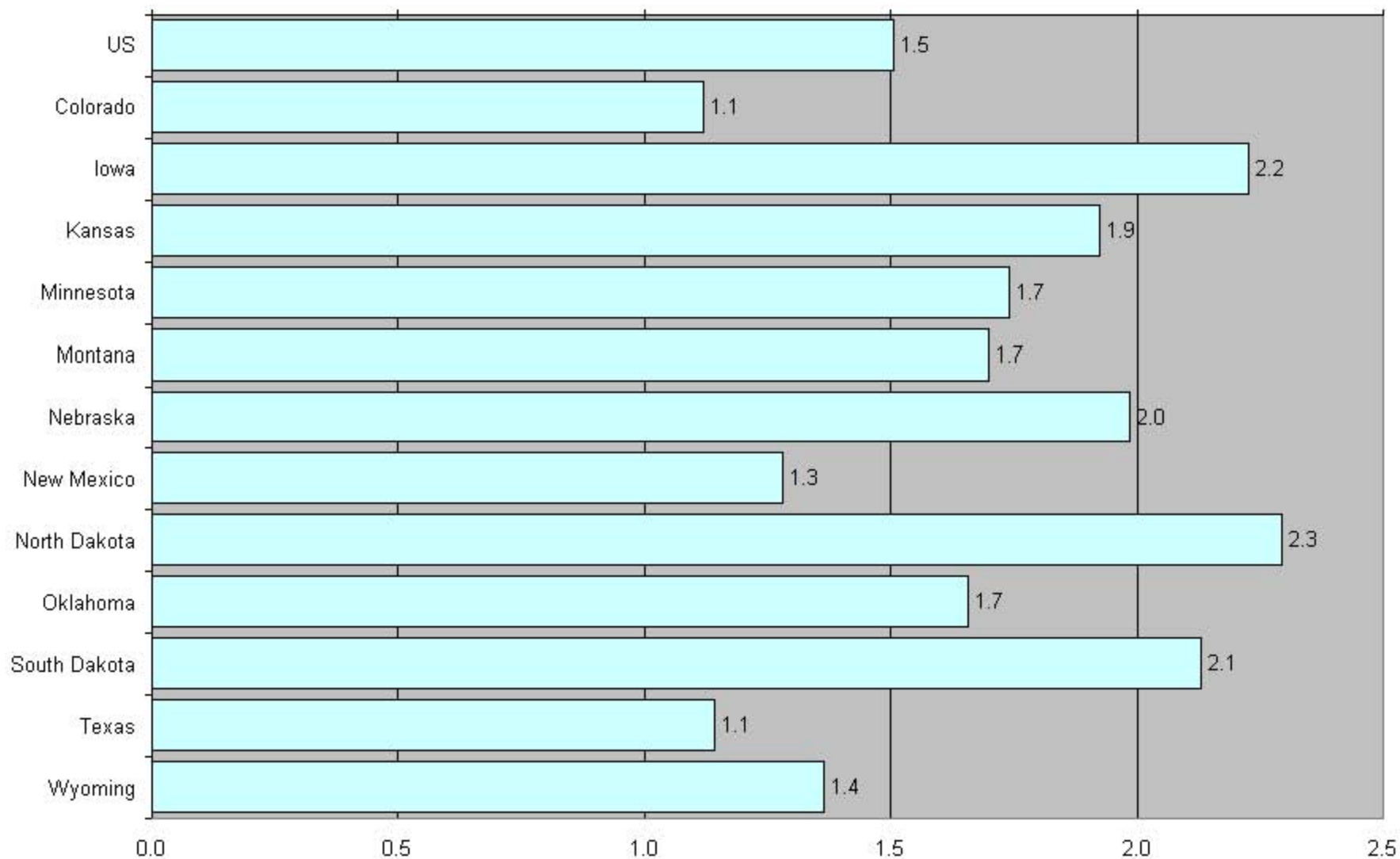
**United States Population 65
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Great Plains Population 65 Years and Older by County: 2000

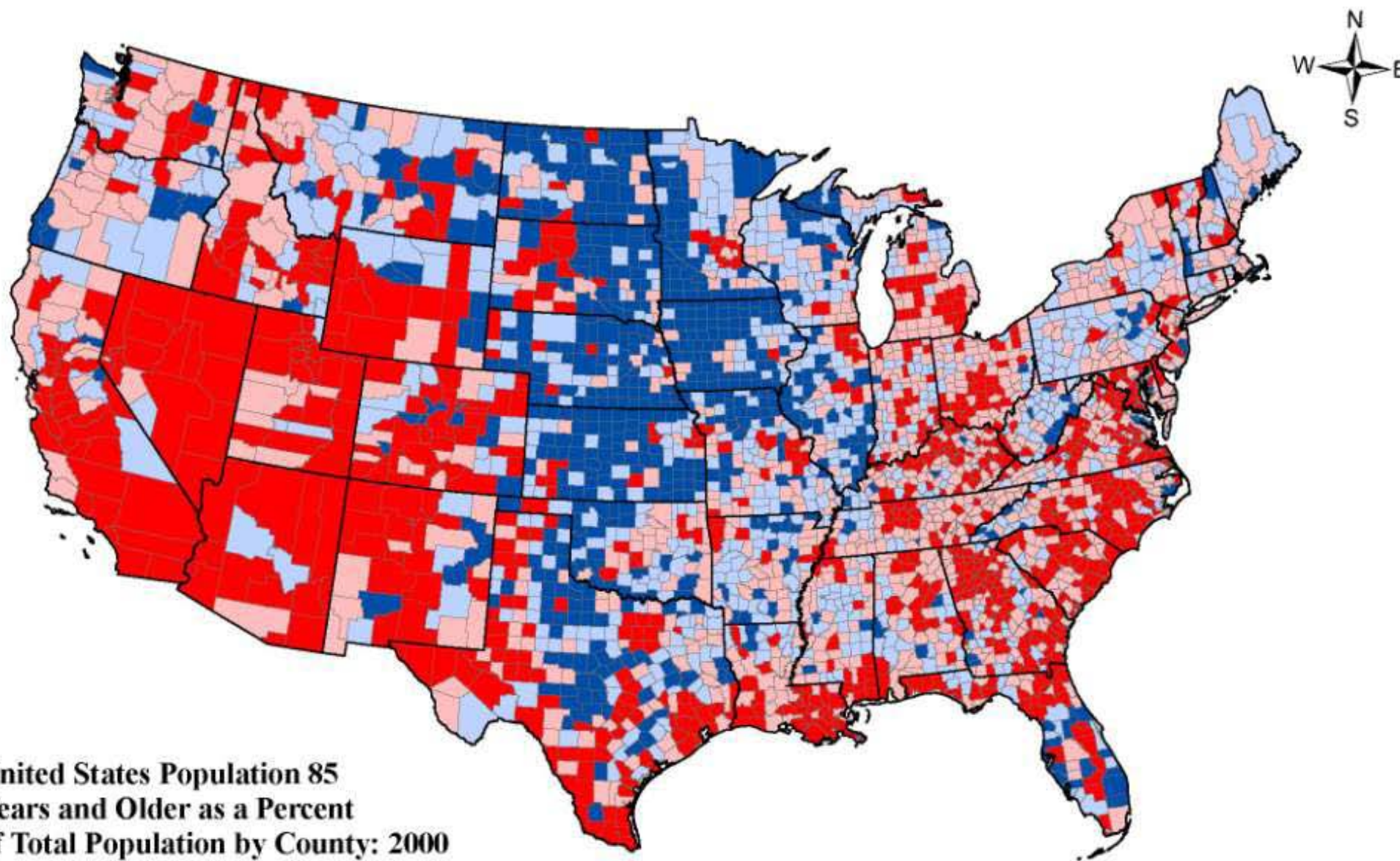


Percent of Population Aged 85 or Older: 2000

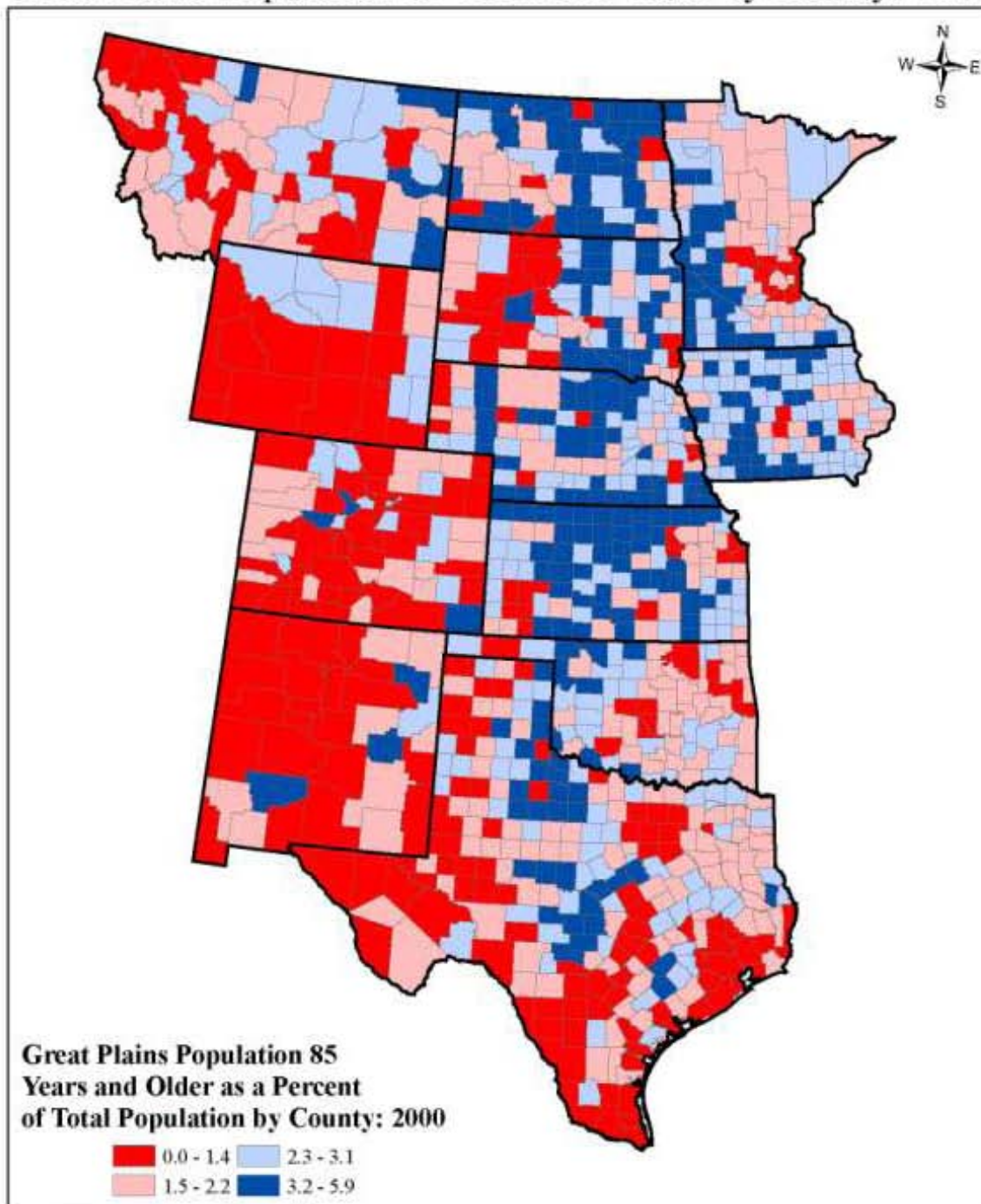


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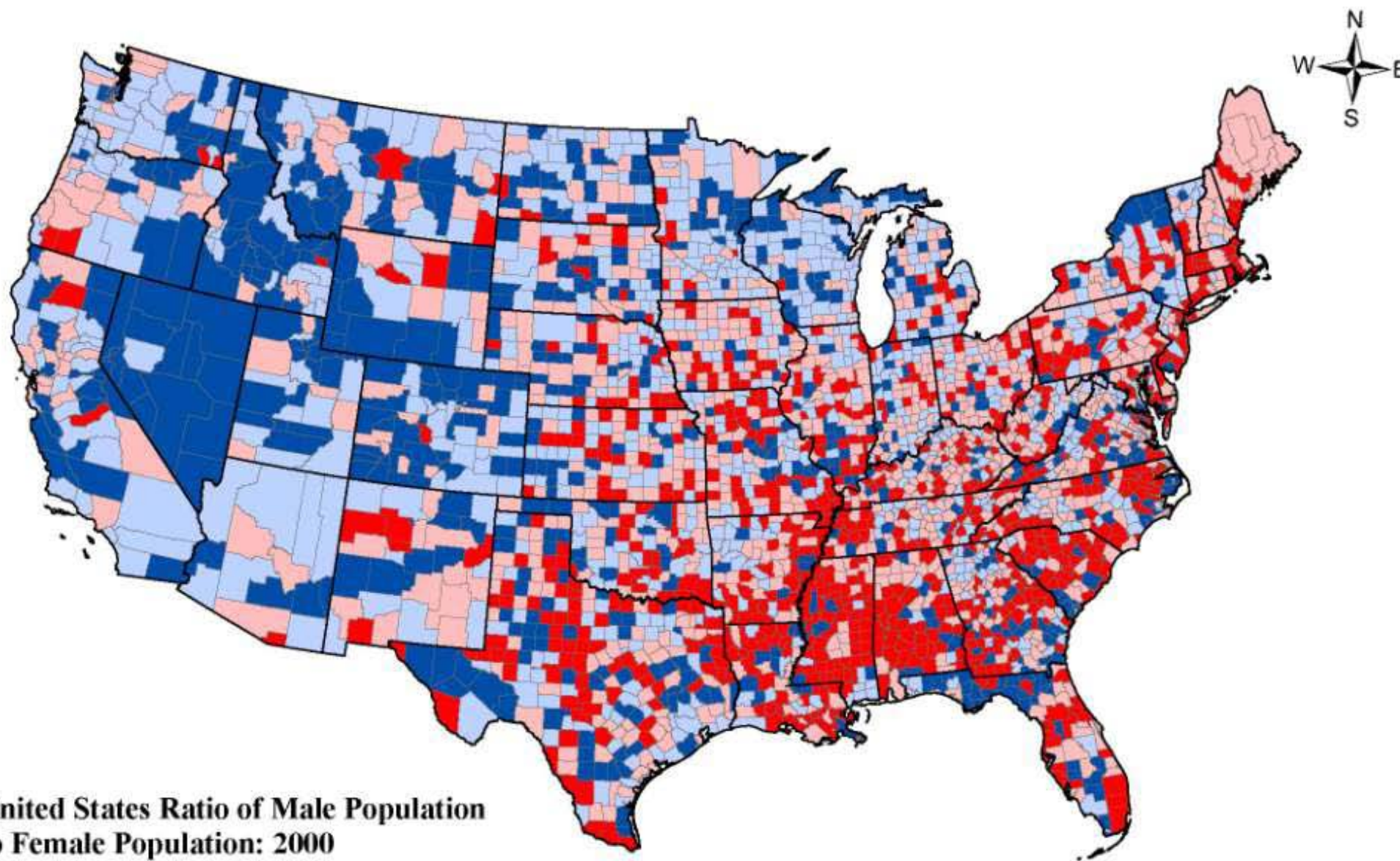
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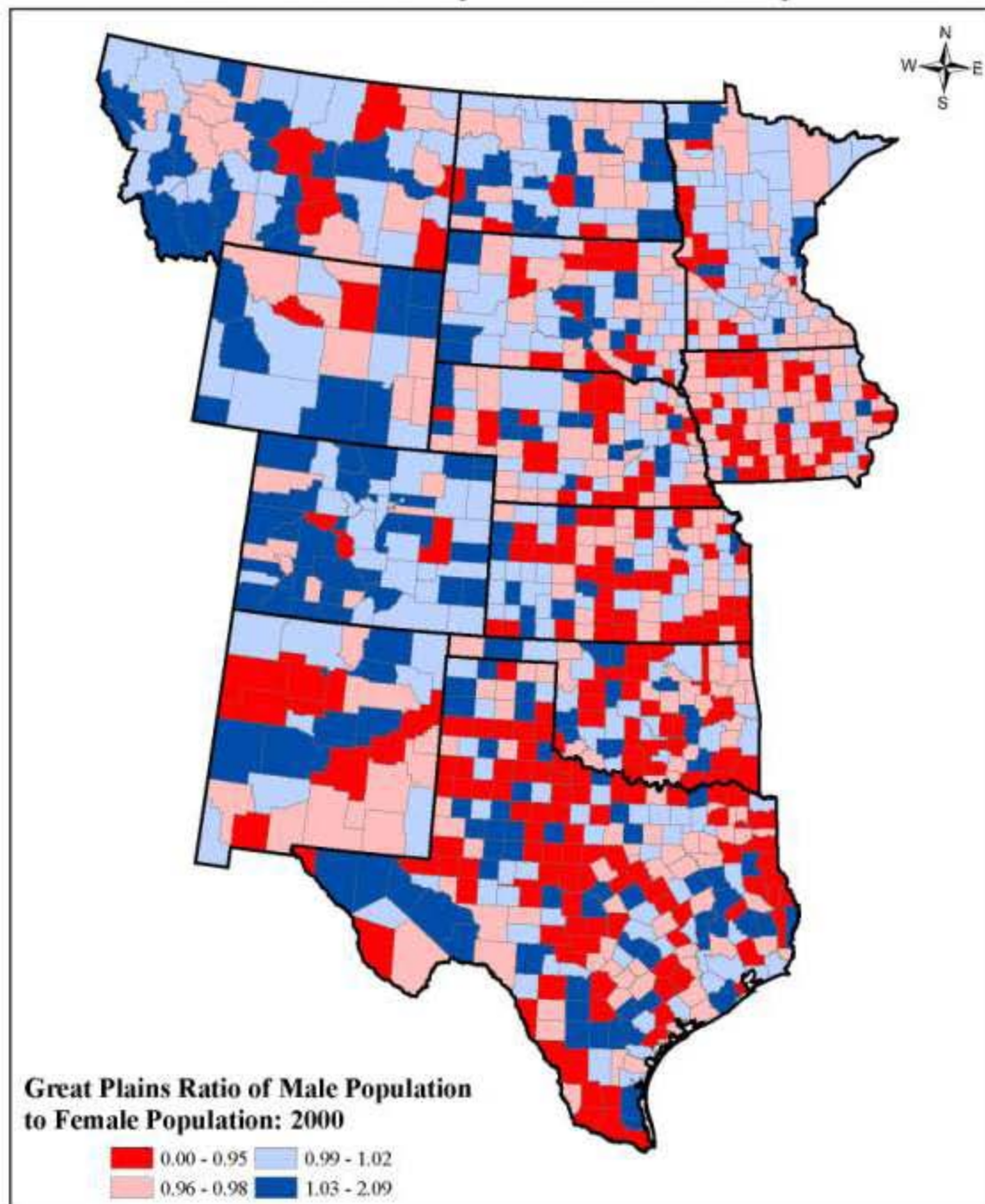
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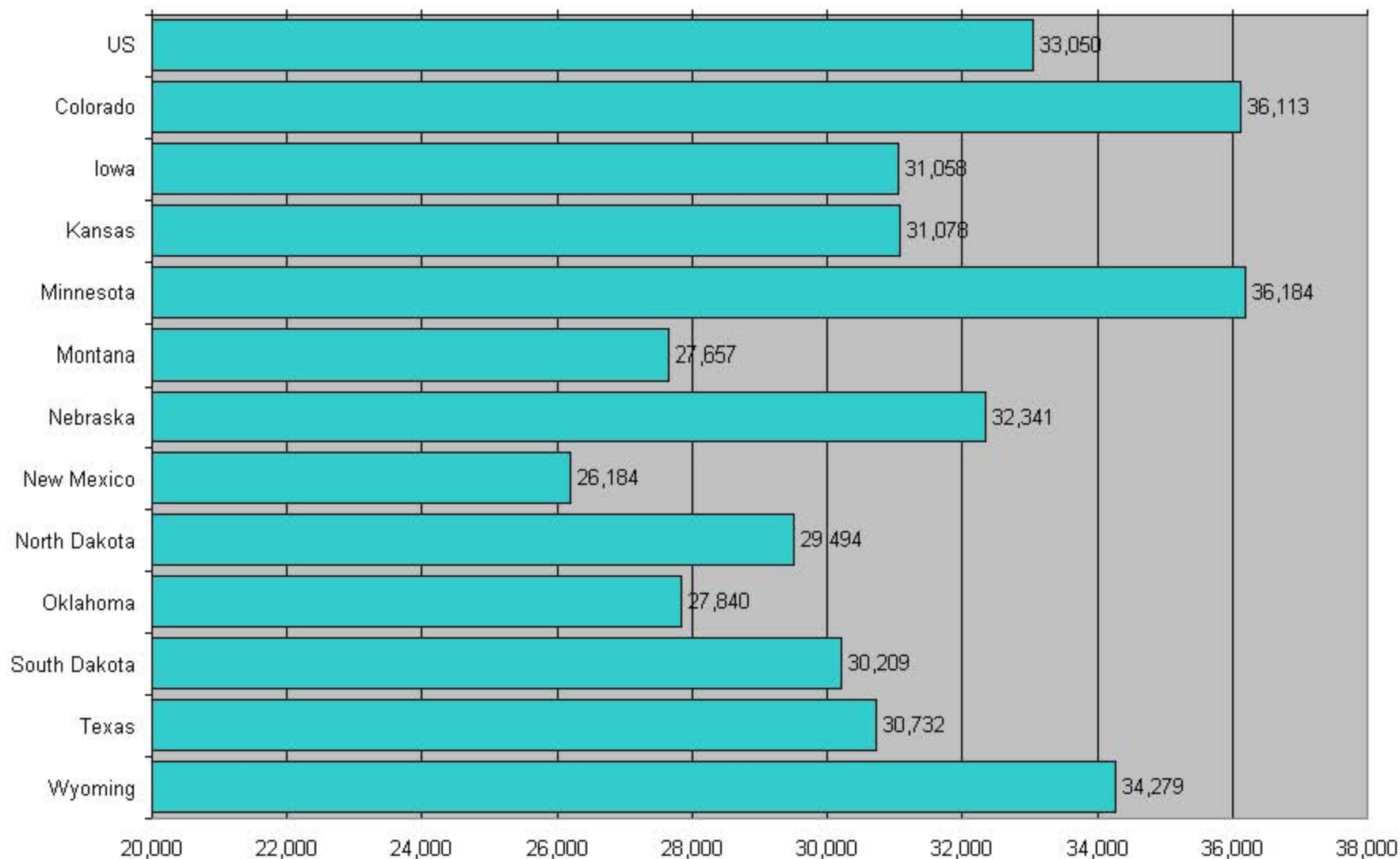
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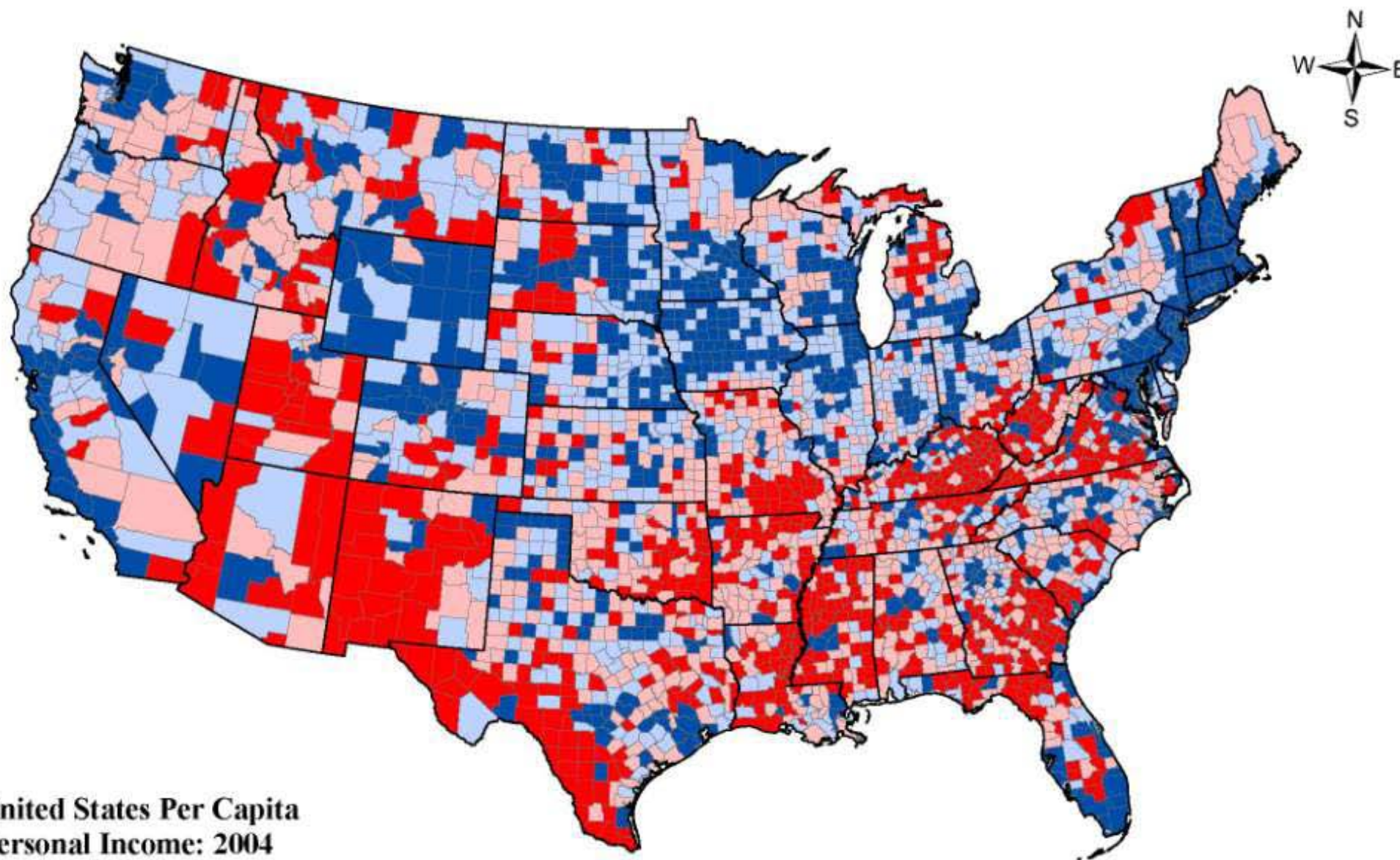


Per Capita Personal Income: 2004



Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

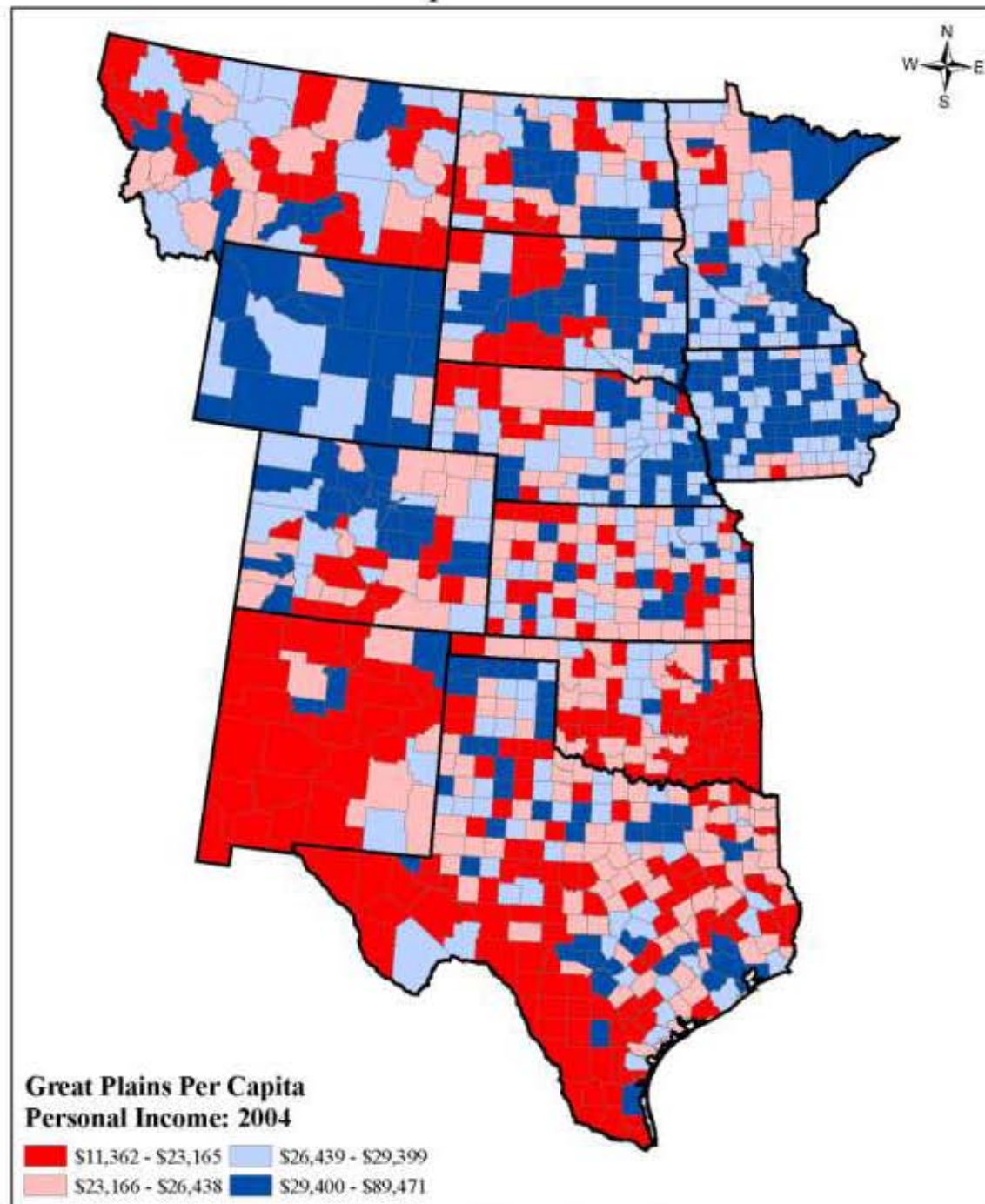
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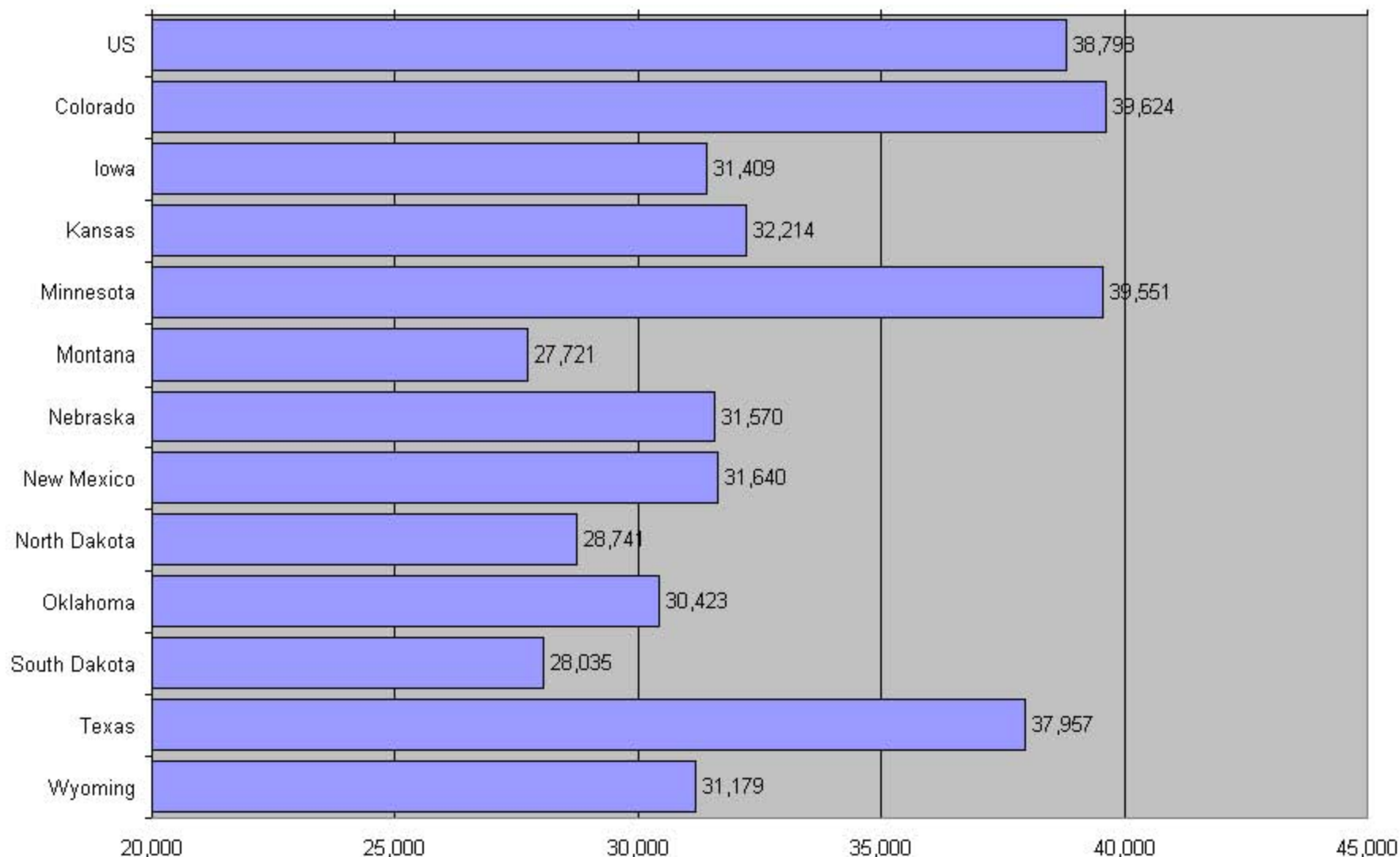
United States Per Capita
Personal Income: 2004

\$0 - \$22,209
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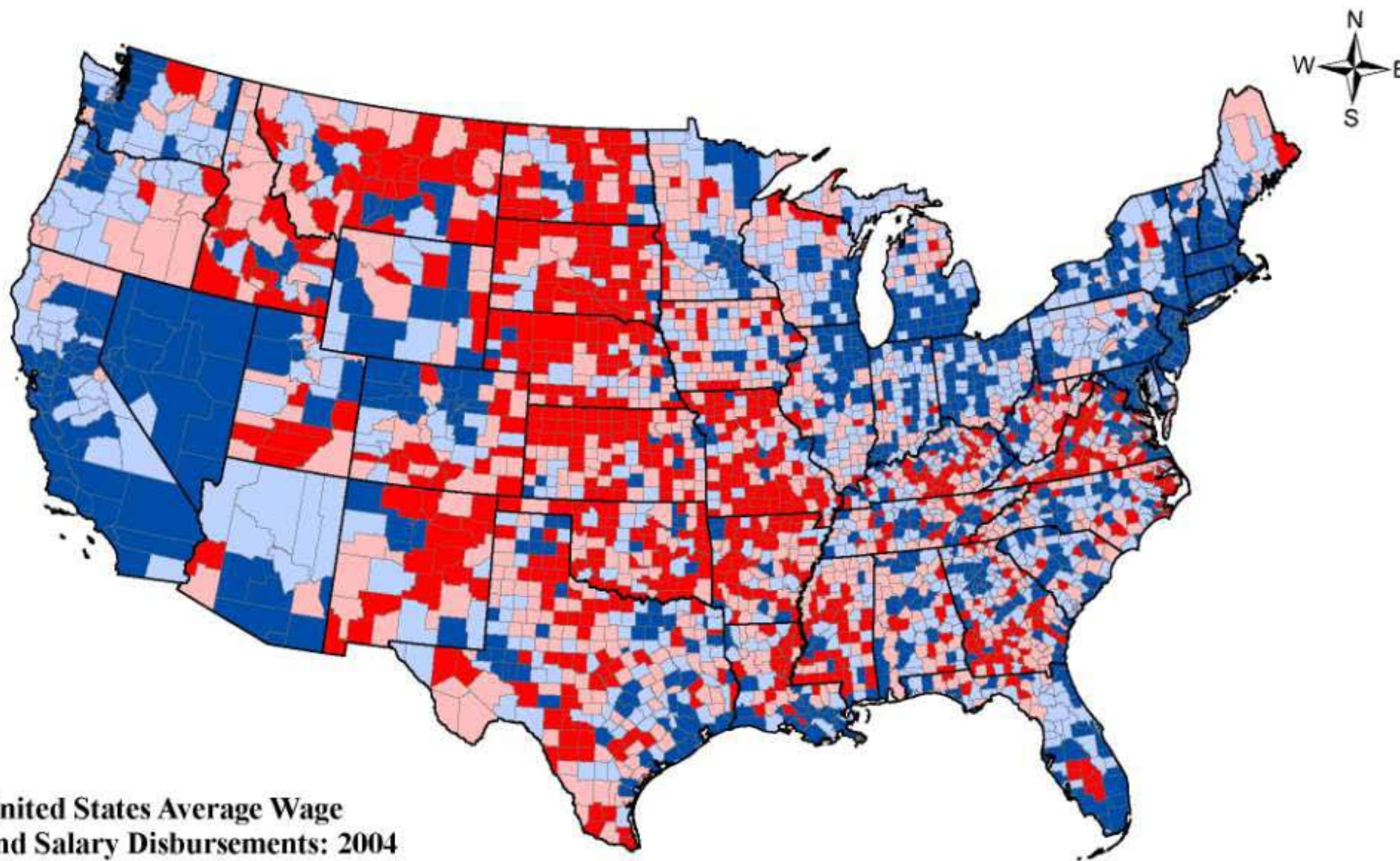


Average Wage and Salary Disbursements Per Job: 2004



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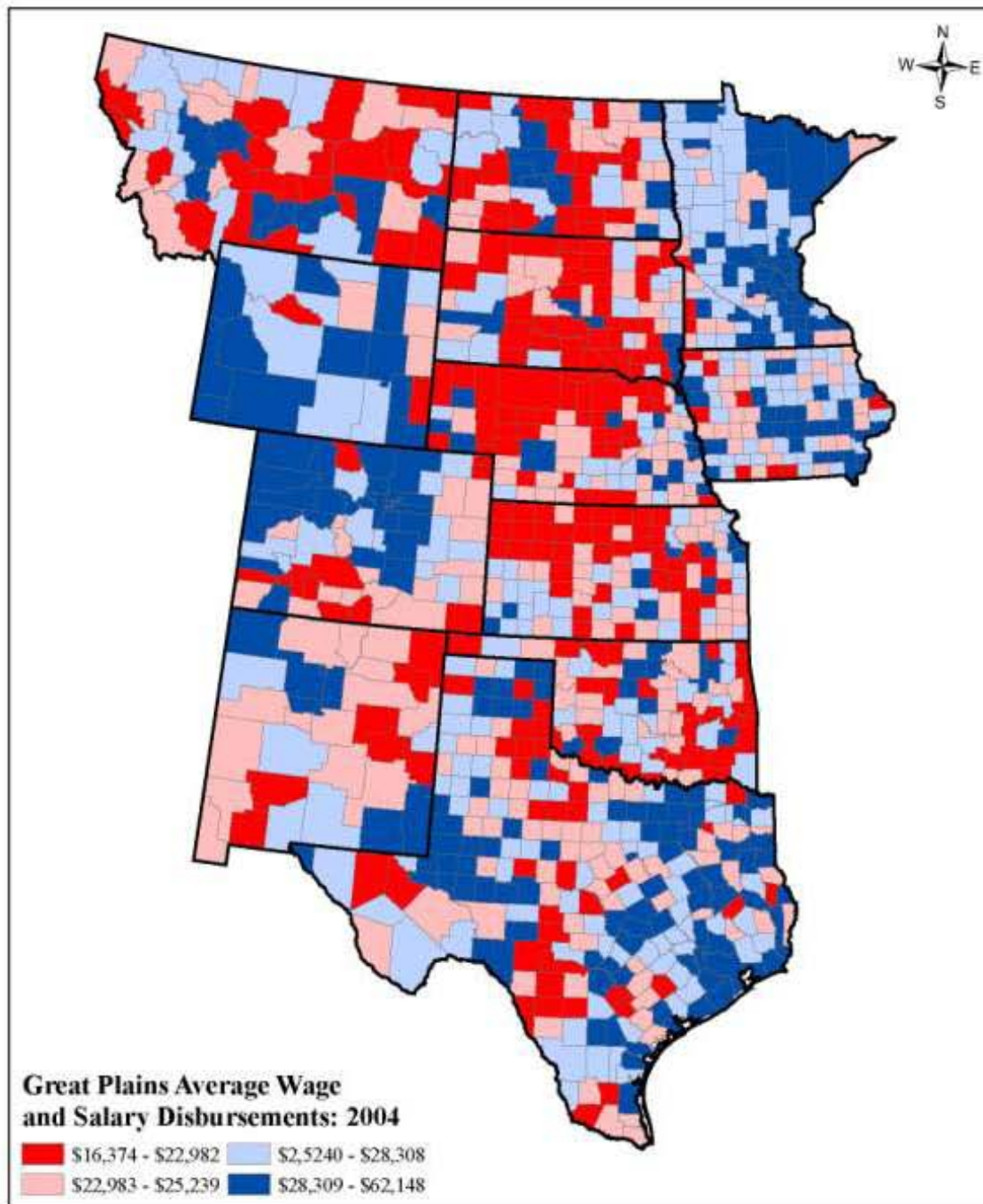
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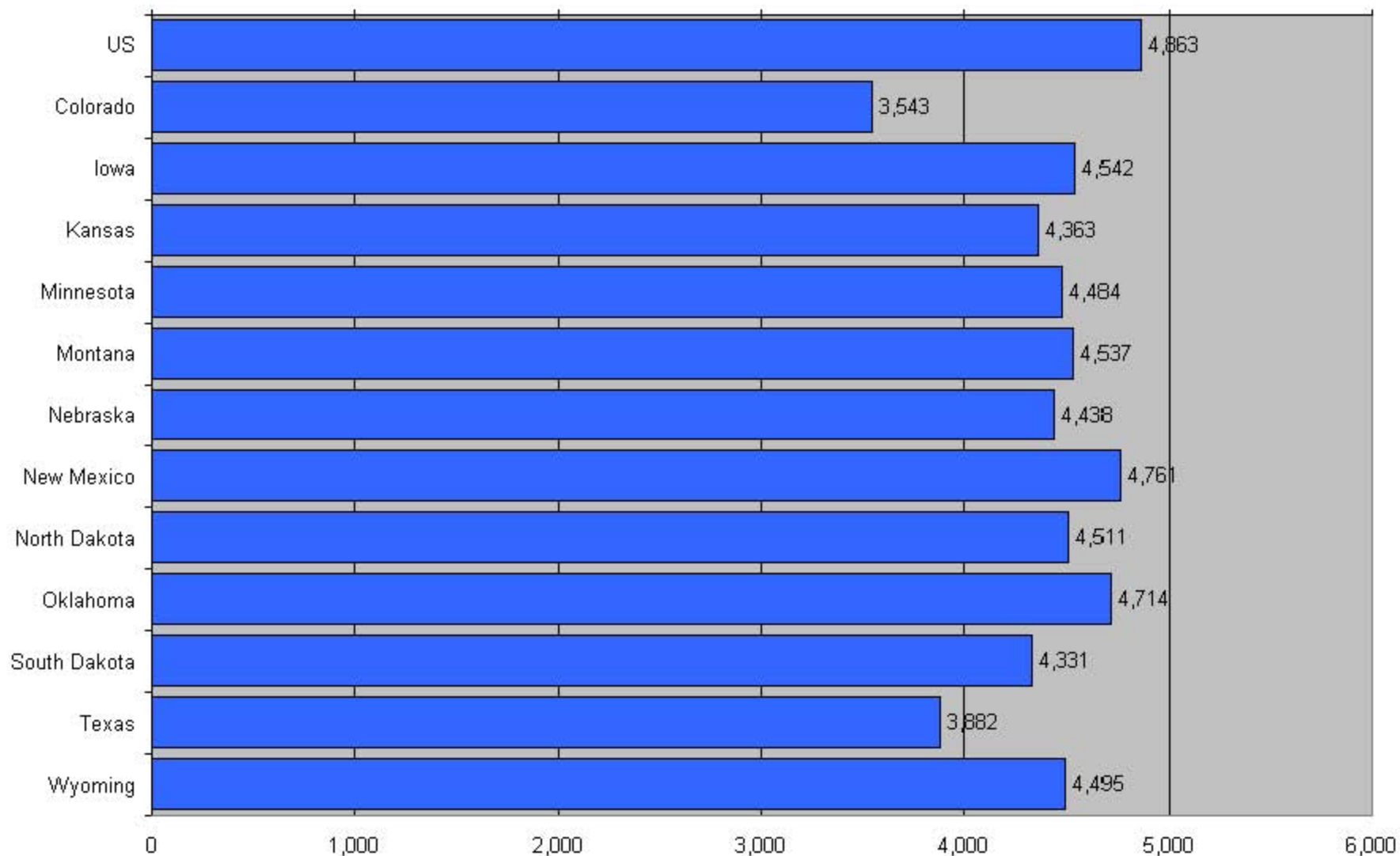
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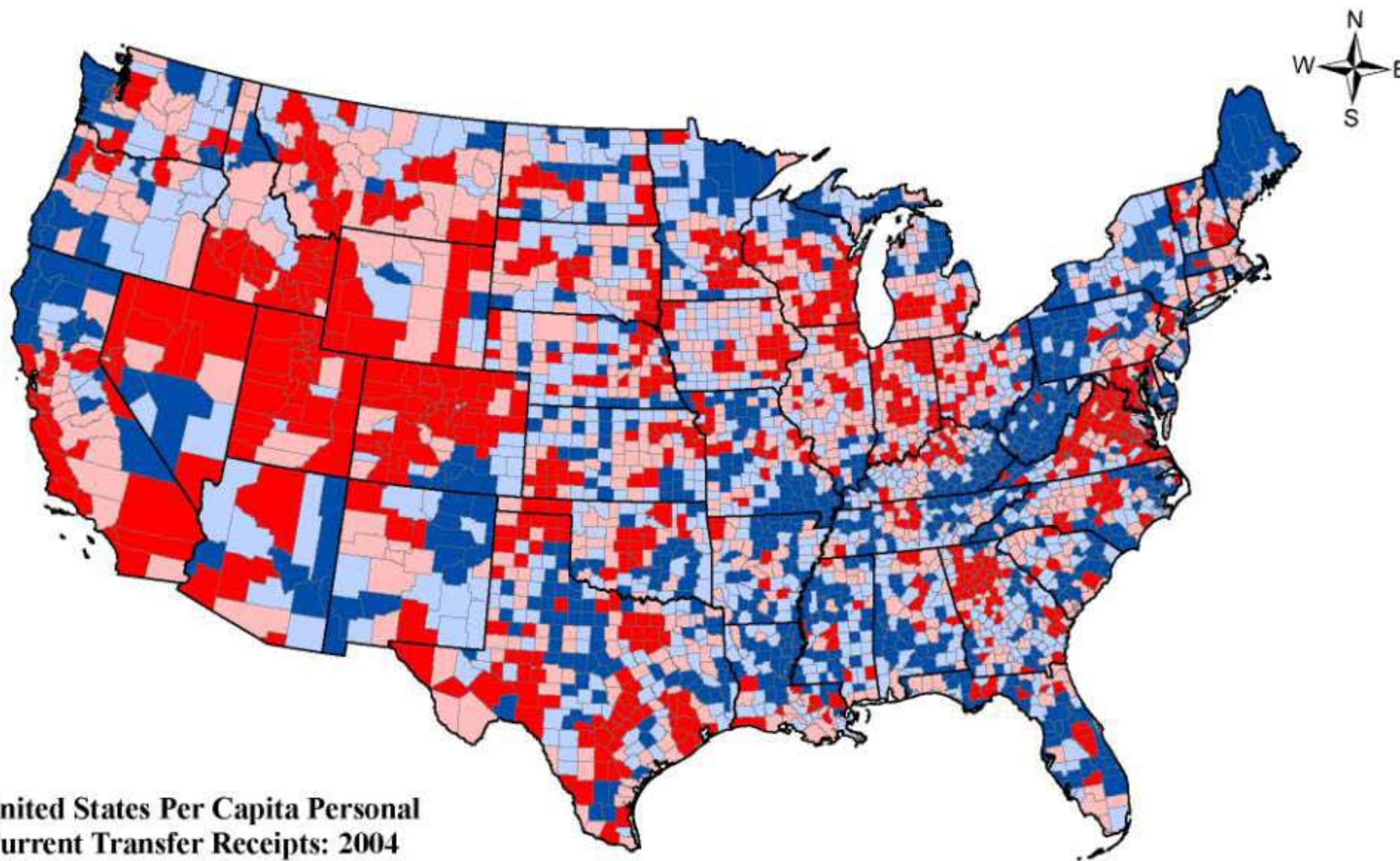


Per Capita Current Personal Transfer Receipts: 2004



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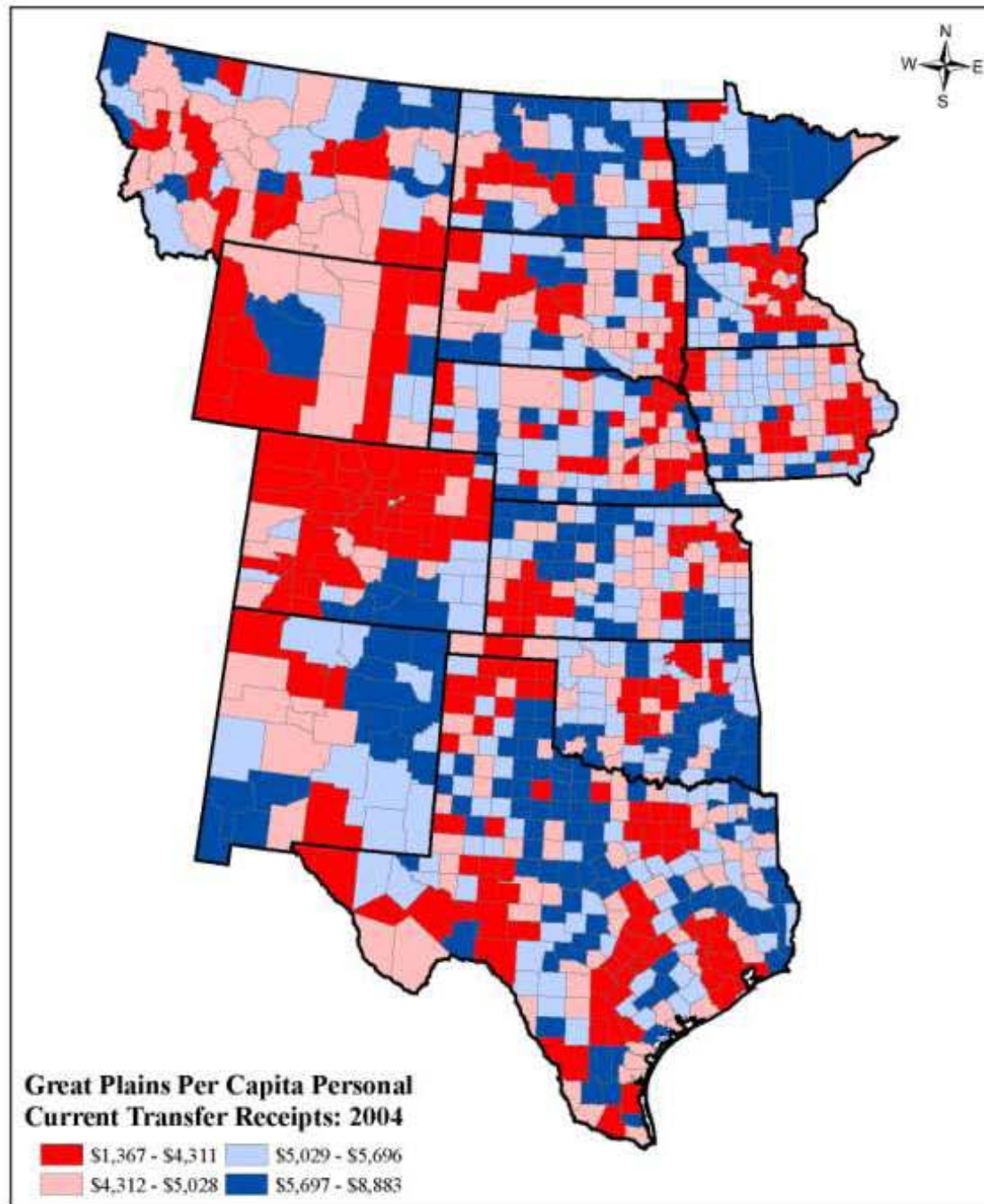
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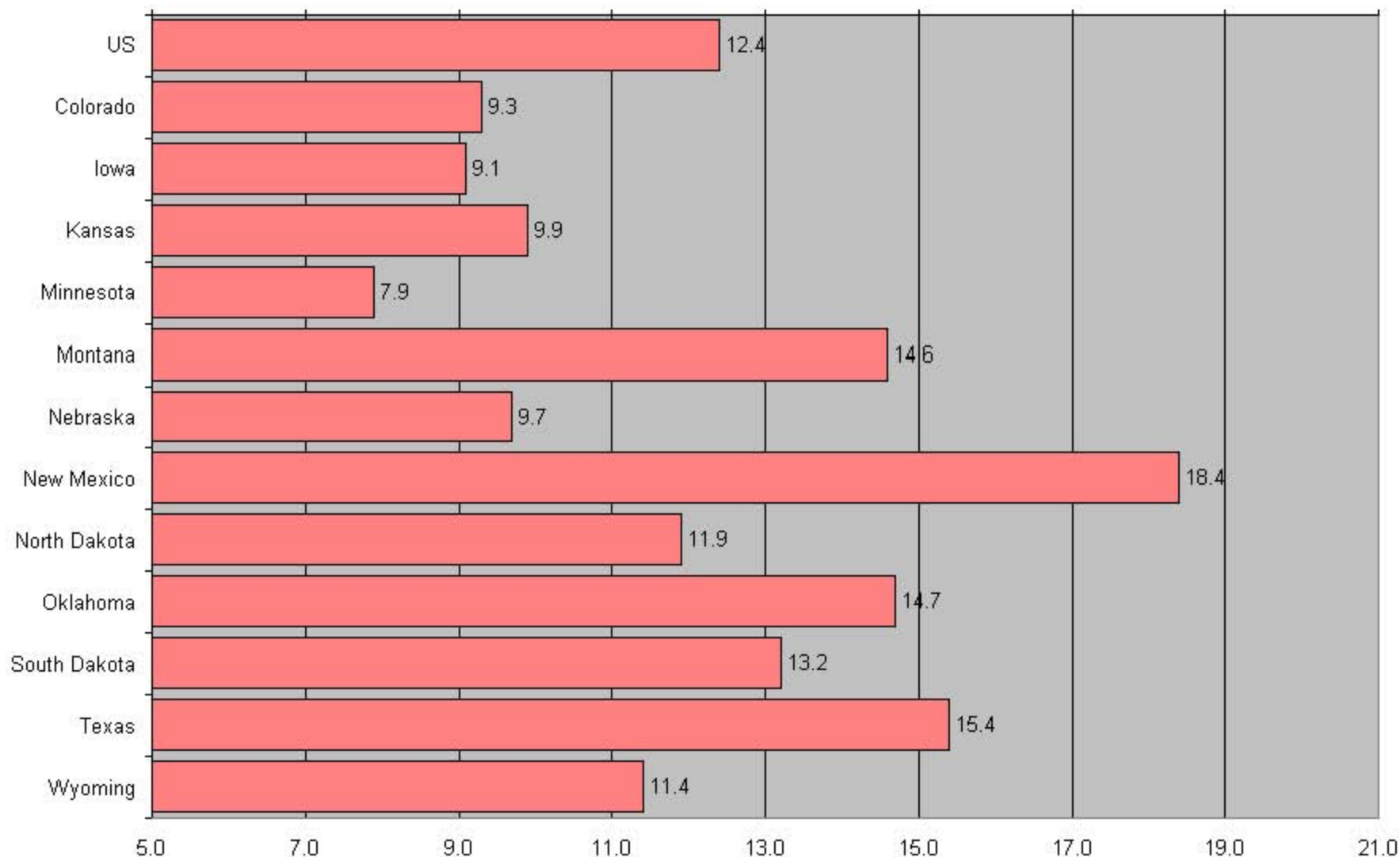
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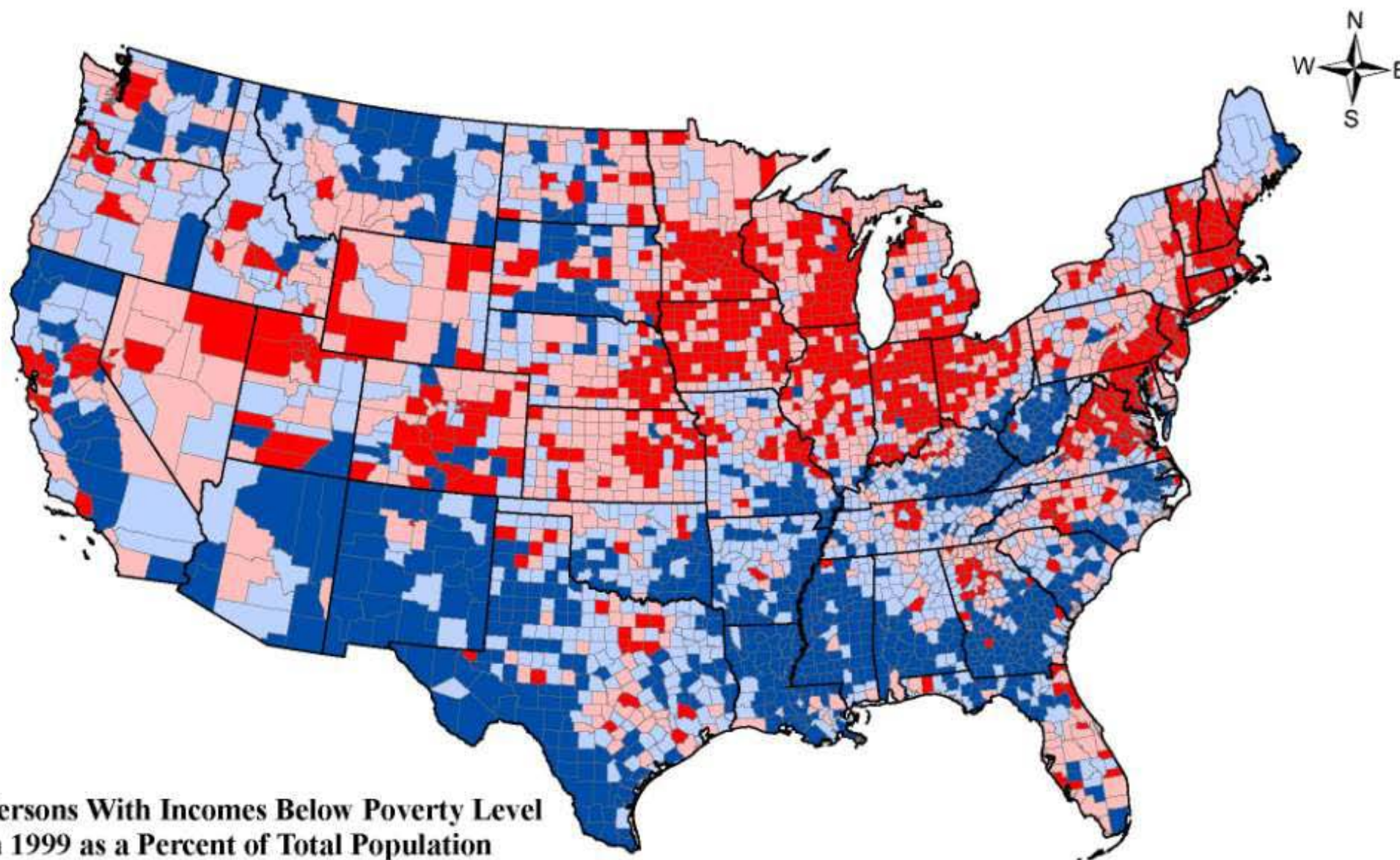


Percent of Persons Below Poverty Level: 2000

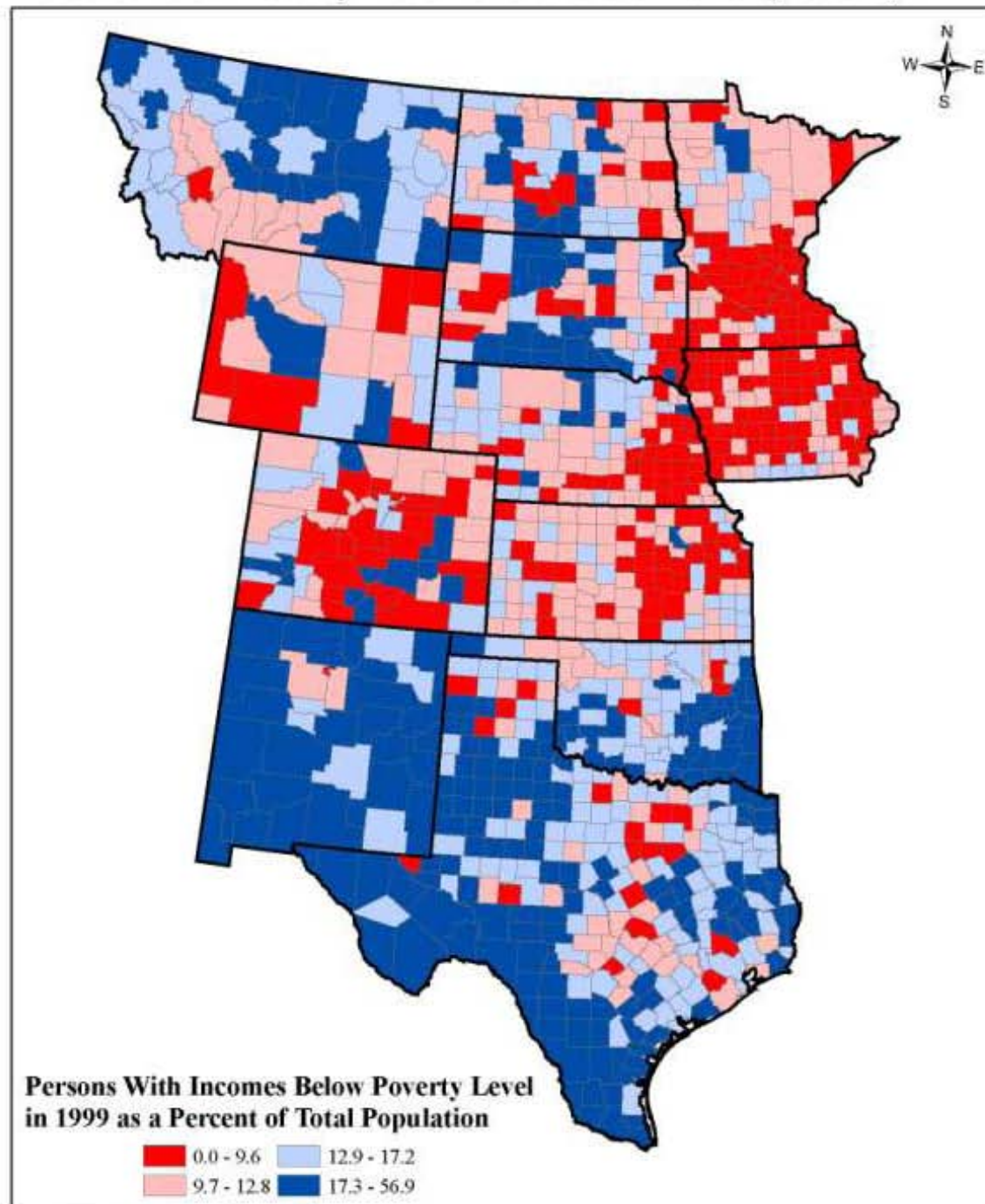


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Persons Below Poverty Level for the United States by County: 2000



Persons Below Poverty Level for the Great Plains by County: 2000



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